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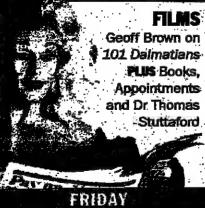


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TEARS AND TANTRUMS



National interest comes first

Major tells sceptics: I will not be bullied

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

JOHN MAJOR warned Conservative sceptics and mavericks yesterday that he would not be held toransom on European or constituency issues even if it means an early general election that could result in power being handed to a pro-European Labour leadership.

The Prime Minister issued a chant defence of his wait-and-see policy on the European single currency, telling his critics that Britain needed to be in the negotia-"cheating" on the entry conditions. Fleeing the field when the game was being played would be a dereliction

MPs call for more European progress

substantial group of Conservative pro Europeans today to warn John Major against trying to block progress in this week's Dublin summit on the future development of Europe. They call on Mr Major, and Tony Blair to bypass the Eurosceptics in future by trying to secure all-party support in the Commons for any deal they intend

of responsibility. He said: "I am saying to my party: Trust me'."
Despite what was seen by most MPs as a forceful performance in a television interview that he had requested in order to calm the renewed outbreak of civil war in his party, it was clear last night that Mr Major had failed to quell the dissatisfaction of Conservative MPs who want him to rule out a single currency for the next Parliament.

But in a fierce response to oppo-nents after the wiping out of his parliamentary majority, Mr Major made plain that he would not budge. He was staying in the talks to defend the national interest and if he had to choose between the party interest and the national interest, he would choose the latter. Asked whether he would do so even if it cost him the election, he replied: "I shall choose

the national interest. In an uncompromising 50-minute appearance on BBC television's On the Record programme, Mr Major, speaking from his Huntingdon home, surprised many senior MPs both by his decision to give no ground over Europe and by the ferocity of his reaction to the activities of MPs who might use the Government's perilous position to make special demands on ministers. Some sceptic ministers had hoped

that Mr Major would use the interview to spell out his personal doubts about Britain entering with the first wave, but he disappointed them. He did say, however, that Britain had no intention of going into a "flawed economic and mone

tary union.

On Friday, Sir John Gorst withdrew support from the Government
over a dispute about a casualty unit in his local hospital and ended the Government's majority for the first

time in 17 years.

Mr Major said that in present circumstances any one backbencher could have his "moment of fame" if he wanted to be difficult on any particular issue. "Well the Government cannot be held to ransom like this and we are not going to be held to ransom like this. If they do not support us, then we may have a general election, but that is in the nature of politics. But I am not going to be held to ransom by any single backbencher on any issue."

He added: "We have set out our policy and we are going to get it through. If we do not get it through. But I am not going to have the Government bending and weaving from the things it believes are right on the basis that somebody is trying a bit of pork barrel politics or a bit of armtwisting of the Government because it has a small majority."

Any MPs who had that in mind

would not get much warmth from activists up and down the country if they imperilled the Government's achievments because they had a "bee in their bonner".

His words brought a speedy blast from one of the MPs who have been Continued on page 2, col 4

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and see policy — I want to know now



Lucien Lawrence, the son of the murdered headmaster, with the Duchess of Kent yesterday, unveiling a plaque to his father. Page 4

Britain sets out on a £23 billion shopping spree

BRITAIN yesterday embarked on what traders called the biggest pre-Christmas shopping spree in almost a decade. A survey suggests that Britain will spend £23.5 billion on presents, food and drink, £700 million more than in 1995.

Not since the 1980s have shops been so full. Out-of-town shopping malis reported takings at least 15 per cent up on last year.

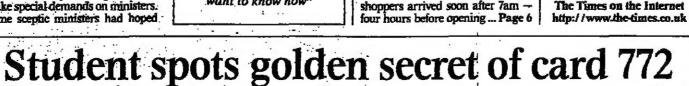
John Bryson, manager of Metro Centre, Britain's biggest out-of-town shopping mall, near Gateshead, said that at least 30,000 people had visited the centre. They spent an average of £125 each, compared with

At the Lakeside shopping complex at Thurrock, Essex, the earliest

Kabul's starving sell human bones

Human bones are being sold in Kabul, Afghanistan's ruined capital, as children rob graves to get money for their starving families (writes Anthony Loyd). The bones are sent to Pakistan to make soap and chicken feed. An average man would fetch about 7,000 afghanis — almost 50 US cents Page 11

The Times on the Internet



BY ALAN HAMILTON

IT WAS perhaps not quite in the league of finding a Leonardo at a car boot sale, but art student Peri Kernal-Orek was more than happy when she discovered yesterday that she had acquired a Frank Averbach

original painting for a mere £30. Especially when a similar work by the same artist was valued last year at more than 300 times that amount. Peri, 21, a Turkish Cypriot living in London, turned up at the Royal College of Art to find that she had won the jackpot in an ingenious:

them students, amateurs and other are much prized; his postcard-sized unknowns, submitted postcardsized original works for an exhibifion; but scattered about the walls were a handful of works by the

All were unsigned, and all on sale at £30. Peri, who submitted an entry herself, took only five minutes to decide that she would buy picture No 772. It was a tiny streetscape, but its style looked familiar.

Peri had correctly spotted the Auerbach style. The Berlin-born painter, himself a former RCA student in the 1950s who works artistic lottery run by the college. Sixteen hundred artists, most of from a north London studio, is well known for his cityscapes, and they

entry for a similar blind auction last year was valued at £10,000. Peri, who already has a fine art

degree from Birmingham University and hopes to win a place at the RCA next year, said: "I was first in the queue when they opened the bidding: I looked at No 772, saw nothing else like it in the show, and decided it most be a genuine

But what would she do with her newly-acquired bargain? "I would love to keep it, but I am a poor student and I may have to sell it." All 1,600 works were sold, raising £50,000 for college funds.



Auerbach cityscape

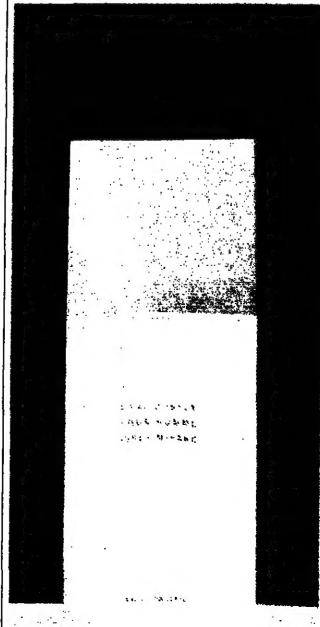


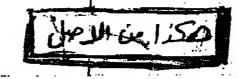
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Chilly outlook fails to discomfit conservatory party

MATTHEW PARKS

POLITICAL SKETCH

key moment, surprising with its steadiness. Years of studying the man should have taught us - so why does it always come as a shock? - that just when you expect John Major to sidle out from his bunker with his hands up, he comes out

Britons switched on their television sets for Sunday lunchtime's On The Record expecting to see a peeved and

floundering in the face of a sadistic John Humphrys. Instead. Mr Major spoke as though disposing of a little local difficulty got up by the media, before slipping into Great Stukeley for a pint before lunch.

John and Norma's Huntingdon conservatory became an eye of calm at the centre of a storm of Cabinet rumour. Dr Brian Mawhinney's scooters on Kenneth Clarke's lawn?

know whether anybody in Britain has scooters these days." An imminent shift in the Cabinet's line on a single currency? "What a load of old nonsense!" Major was ice-cool and halfway convincing, his performance laced with a selfbelief which, though quiet, was almost fierce.

harbingers of the Tory recov-

ery — or Tory collapse which will now follow. They will say the talk was watched by millions. "Watched" — yes. But we listened only fitfully to the debate. What gripped the Future students of current affairs will rerun the video of nation was the inside peek at that interview searching for the Majors' conservatory. Was

the cane furniture Ikea? Was

that a fern trained from the pot on the windowsill? "If the French are cooking the books ..." insisted Humphrys — but what we wanted was a closer shot of the porcelain cat. "What a lovely weeping willow outside," trilled tens of

thousands, as Mr Humphrys,

economic convergence. And the pond! It was so much bigger than we'd expected. The nation scanned the wavelets for ducks, but not a duck did we see. "The French

tion, pressed his point about

are fudging," said Humphrys - and, fleetingly, we caught the reflection of a figure in the window behind Major's head. Was it Norma? Or Elizabeth? Or James? Do the Majors have a home help? Would it be

Norma herself who threaded neat loop? Would Mr Humphrys get a chocolate digestive biscuit after the

To such questions and many like them came no answers, as Major and Humphrys droned on about EMU, convergence and enlargement. By the end, even the most news-hungry journalist found his attention wandering to the impressive double glazing. For Mr Major,

that climber so cleverly into a success. Many years ago, while being presented by Margaret Thatcher with an RSPCA bravery award for rescuing a dog, I saw the dog seized by an inappropriate passion for her leg: If she noticed, you would never had thought it. Her gracious expression in the Sunday Express photograph betrayed no hint of the indignity. Tory leaders learn to hide embarrassment where lesser

Europhiles urge Major to look beyond his party

A SUBSTANTIAL group of Europeans today to warn John Major against trying to block progress in this week's Dublin summit on the future development of Europe.

In a radical policy plan, they call on Mr Major — and Tony Blair should he become prime minister next year — to bypass the Euro-sceptics in future by trying to secure all-party support in the Commons for any deal they intend to make.

Deeply suspicious that the Prime Minister is intending to take a hard line in Dublin because of his growing internal problems, Euro-enthusiasts from all parties have united to tell him that he is in danger of boxing himself into an impossible position that will damage Britain. They call for "confidence and daring" from ministers in their approach to Europe and opposition to the sceptics. In an advertisement in The

Times, the cross-party coalition suggested that the Government, or any future Labour government, should no longer seek to advance European developments by relying on their own supporters. Instead it should negotiate in the current inter-governmental conference — which reaches a critical stage in Dublin this week — with a view to mobilising the widest crossparty coalition of support in the Commons for any deal. rather than hoping to rely on a majority from any one party, as happened during the ratification of the Maastricht treaty.

It tells Mr Major that he should not regard the veto as a "credible or cost-free option" and, among its specific policy proposals that will anger the sceptics, it calls on the Government to resist any temptation to attack or dismember the European Court of Justice. The declaration from the pro-

Europeans, organised by the European Movement, is regarded as their most important statement since Maastricht. It confirms their determination to take a much more aggressive stance in their battle with the Eurosceptics, which was in evidence last week in their vocal support for the stand being taken by Kenneth Clarke on

the single currency.
Some 80 national figures and 500 other supporters have put their name to the advert which attacks the present British attitude at the IGC as too cautious and dogmatic. They include Lord Howe of Aberavon, the former Chancellor, and Foreign Secretary, Lord Gilmour, the former Tory Cabinet minister, Paddy Ashdown, Lord Richard. Labour's leader in the Lords. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the former Labour Chancellor and SDP leader, Roy Hattersley, the former Labour deputy leader, a number of former senior diplomats and five former European com-missioners, including the Con-

servative Lord Tugendhat.
Sixteen Tory MPs have signed, including Edwina Currie, James Couchman. Tim Eggar, who resigned in



Howe: recommends

June as Energy Minister, Sir Anthony Grant, Sir Jim Lester, Peter Temple-Morris and Sir David Knox. Lord Howe said last night that it was "imperative" for the Government to work constructively with its European partners at the IGC and elsewhere.

That is the best way to advance British power and influence in the world. There is a large majority in Parlaiment and the country for such an approach. The Government should have the courage and confidence to adopt it," Lord Howe said.

"Britain's position in Europe has always been built on wide cross-party support in both Houses. It is important that the Prime Minister has that in mind. It represents a much more secure path to the future than having to rely on majorities composed from one party."
The advert says the Govern-

ment seems immobilised by fears of what Douglas Hurd once called "shadows on the wall". It says: "We are in danger of painting ourselves into a corner and achieving very little, for Britain and for Europe as a whole." It warns that Mr Major's

advocacy of a multi-speed Europe, which has now led to Franco-German proposals for the establishment of an inner core "from which we would in effect exclude ourselves, places Britain's participation at the heart of Europe under serious threat".

It calls on the Government to work to ensure an agreed Government risks boxing itself into a non-negotiable position in the current IGC. The UK can only secure its negotiating objectives by approaching this discussion with room for manoeuvre." It says that under no circumstances in future should the Government rule out participation in a



My lips are sealed: John Major preparing for his BBC interview yesterday

National interest comes first'

considering whether to resign

the party whip over Europe. Terry Dicks accused the Prime Minister of ridiculing and insulting him. He was "ashamed and disgusted" by the Prime Minister's attitude towards him. Mr Dicks said: "I have never been so insulted ever than to be told that I was looking for my one moment of fame. I am seething. Right now I am in two minds whether to tell him to stuff his Government and his party. That is my immediate reaction, but it is not a wise one." Mr Major asked whether

any of his critics seriously would prefer Tony Blair going off to Amsterdam in June to negotiate on behalf of Britain. Explaining why he so passion-ately defends the wait-and-see stance, he said: "If when the time comes they fudge the criteria, then I need to be at the table to argue against that. I need to be at the table to vote against those countries going into a single currency. What authority would I have at that table if I decided at this stage. when my critics say other people are cheating, if I said I am not going to be there to try and prevent them cheating?

cession of Euro-sceptics who voiced their unhappiness. He said that nobody denied Mr Major's claim that Britain should remain in the talks, but the way to achieve influence was to have a British opinion. "Is it not time for Britain to say if there is so much fudge coming out of Brussels the currency scheme will not

William Rees-Mogg. Peter Riddell and Matthew Parris, page 20 Leading article and Letters,

Leaders meet amid gloom over Ulster

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND AUDREY MAGEE

with the Irish Prime Minister today amid gloom at the prospect of advancing the stalled peace process before

the general election.

With Dublin seeking a compromise formula to put Sinn Fein on a fast track into allparty talks in the event of a econd ceasefire, the Prime Minister said that he would not be taken in by a second 'phoney" cessation of

Mr Major, who will hold the talks in Downing Street with John Bruton, the Taoiseach, admitted that that he was not optimistic about the prospects for another ceasefire. What I do not wish to see would be a phoney ceasefire — a ceasefire simply to score public relations vic-tories and to try and have Sinn Fein parachuted into the talks without actually giving up the violence which has sustained the IRA for so long," he said. "In retrospect we had a phoney ceasefire. We thought we had a real one and what did we subsequently find out? Within days of declaring the ceasefire Sinn Fein/IRA were filling garages in London with Semtex and explosives. That's not a genuine ceasefire."

Mr Major refused to give a timescale for when the Government would decide a ceasefire was sustainable and push for Sinn Fein to enter inclusive talks on the future of Northern Ireland. Asked how. long he would wait before accepting that a ceasefire was going to be sustainable. Mr Major said on the BBC's On the Record: "I will not wait for too long to see if it is to be sustainable — I am not going to give you a time. It depends on actions not on the passage of a few days or weeks."

But he warned: "I'm not oing down a fake path again. We've done that and we were . betrayed by Sinn Fein/IRA, who said one thing when they were doing another. This time it needs to be real." The Prime

OHN MAJOR will hold talks Minister said tha whether or not the ceasefire was judged to be sustainable would depend on intelligence reports of terrrorist activity rather than

the passage of time.

Mr Major's caution about the prospect for a lasting ceasefire found support from a former MI5 mole within the IRA. Sean O'Callaghan, who has been freed from jail after serving eight years of two life sentences for murder, said the IRA would declare a tactical ceasefire before the general election but would not abandon its use of violence until it had achieved a united Ireland.

O'Callaghan, who is in hid-ing since being released from Maghaberry jail in Co An-trim, Northern Ireland, is at risk from revenge by the IRA. As an informer for the Garda and MI5 in the 1980s, be disrupted many of the IRA's terrorist operations

O'Callaghan vowed yesterday to campaign against his "evil" former comrades who were duping the world into believing they were committed to the peace process. Speaking from his hideout, he told *The Sunday Times*: "Will there be a ceasefire? Yes. Will it be genuine? Not a chance. Republicans will murder many more people before this is all over."

He predicted that the IRA would renew its ceasefire before the general election in an attempt to lure the SDLP into an electoral pact with Sinn Fein. "If that happens, viobefore will be unavoidable. It is that serious. There is no possibility that the IRA will permanently eschew violence. short of victory.

Design Will

☐ A l6-year-old boy in West Belfast had his legs broken in an IRA punishment beating. Two men took the boy to an alleyway in the New Barnsley Park area on Saturday night. They then tied him up with tape, hung him upside down from railings and beat him.

How Humphrys became an appetiser for Sunday lunch

By ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN HUMPHRYS was winding up the Today programme at 8.40am on Friday when the tele-phone rang in the BBC studio. Downing Street came on the line just as the programme switched to Yesterday in Parliament and John Major's humiliation at the dispatch box at the hands of Tony Blair.

Jonathan Haslam, the Prime Minister's press secretary, was on the line. He wanted to know if the long-standing invitation for Mr Major to appear on the programme On the Record still stood. He knew the answer before Mr Humphrys said yes. But there was one

stipulation from Mr Haslam. The interview had to be at Huntingdon because Mr Major was hosting a Sunday family lunch with Norma for their son James, 21, his girlfriend Elaine Jordache, the Majors' daughter Elizabeth, 25, and her boyfriend Luke Salter, 24. It was to be the first in-depth television interview with the Prime Minister to be conducted at his own home.

Downing Street had been galvanised into action after a brief survey of Friday morning's headlines. They were the worst since the fall of Margaret Thatcher. Mr Major, who was in Huntingdon, told Mr Haslam on the telephone: "Get me on the television." It had been a torrid 24 hours. After Mr

Major's mauling at the dispatch box, more difficulties were to come. John Ward, his Parliamentary Private Secretary, came to see him the same night with a written report of the meeting of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, It was

depressing reading for Mr Major. Even traditionally loyalist troops were reaching the stage of mutiny. An opinion poll showing the Tories 37 per cent adrift irritated Mr per cent adrift irritated Mr Major even further as it conflicted sharply with the party's own private findings. Mr Major had a brief discussion

in Downing Street with Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip. He had already broached the idea of a fightback with Dr Brian Ma-

whinney, the party chairman. The Prime Minister went to Huntingdon late on Thursday. When a summary of the newspaper cuttings were delivered to his home. The Finings, his mind was made up. The media counter-offensive swung into action.

Some mischievious aides of Mr Major thought that the timing was ideal. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, had gone away for a long weekend with his wife Gillian. The break was at her behest. It meant he was out of reach of the press. Invitations were in Mr Haslam's

desk from big-name interviewers. including Sir David Frost. But Humphrys, the anchorman of the Today programme, was the Prime Minister's choice. One week earlier Humphrys, one of the toughest political interviewers, had spent a convivial evening with Mr Major at the Australian High Com-

It was a fundralsing evening for the Newspaper Press Fund, which helps journalists who have fallen on hard times. Humphrys is the chairman. Mr Major, in a lighthearted speech, poked fun at his BBC sparring partner. Humphrys responded in kind. But the last laugh was on Mr Major.

When the dinner ended, Mr Major and Humphrys, who were still locked in conversation, asked for a beer. Humphrys had to admit

gathering, they had run out. Neal Blewett, the Australian High Commissioner, rescued the situation. He disappeared into the cellar and returned with reinforcements. Refore they parted that night Humphrys reiterated his wish for Mr Major to come back on to his

Mr Major agreed to ponder the request. While some ministers object to Humphrys's aggressive style, the Prime Minister is said to relish the fight. It was significant that last year, having triggered the leadership contest, he chose Humphrys's programme to argue

his case the following Sunday. The BBC arrived in Huntingdon that, surprisingly for a journalistic at 8am. Humphrys showed up one

hour later at a breakfast with his production team at the Bridge Hotel, a short drive from the Prime Minister's home. A similar breakfast was going on at the same time in Mr Major's house with Mr Haslam and Howell James, his political secretary, to rehearse the for the 50-minute

After the interview, recorded an hour before it went out, Mr Major introduced the presenter to his wife and family, who were gathered in the large kitchen, and showed him the new goldfish pond. Humphrys said afterwards: "He was in fighting form. Grown up politicians like a tough interview."

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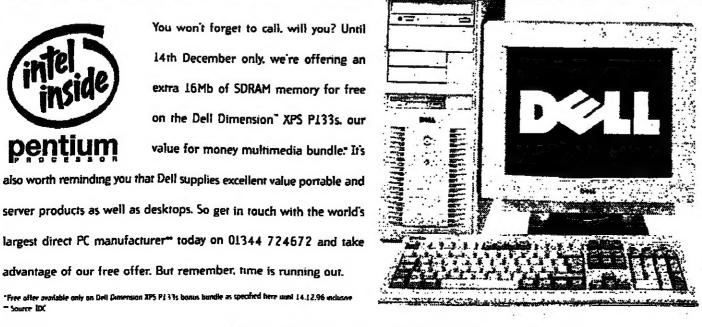


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Fiancée of 'road rage' knife victim is held by police

THE fiancée of the alleged "road rage" victim Lee Harvey was under police guard in hospital last night after she was arrested in connection with his stabbing on an isolat-ed country road a week ago.

Detectives are waiting for doctors to decide whether Tracie Andrews, 27, is well enough to be questioned about the murder, which she told a televised press conference came after a violent confrontation with another driver.

Miss Andrews had been in hospital after taking an apparent drugs overdose and re-turned to the flat she shared with Mr Harvey in Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester, on Saturday where police were waiting for her. She was taken to Redditch police station but after being examined by two doctors they decided she should be readmitted to hospital, describing her as being in "a dangerously emo-

tional state". Her mother and stepfather, Irene and Alan Carter, have been allowed to visit her and are looking after five-year-old Carla, Miss Andrews's daughter from a previous relation-

continued at an undisclosed hospital forensic teams searched for the murder weapon alongside Coopers Hill, Alvechurch, where 25 year-old Mr Harvey was found dead with 16 stab wounds. Thirty officers questioned motorists at eight road blocks on the

route taken by the couple.

West Mercia police are also questioning friends and relatives of the couple about their relationship which has been described as "stormy and tempestuous". Although the couple planned to marry in summer a close friend of Mr Harvey said: Tracie was always throwing him out then taking him back. Their engagement has been off three

The detective leading the inquiry. Detective Superintendent Ian Johnston, would last night say only: "We wish to confirm that a 27-year-old woman was arrested and brought to the police station but we have not and will not confirm the identity of that

"It's still not clear when we will be in a position to interview her. We have not started to question her yet."



Stabbing victim Lee Harvey with his fiancee Tracie Andrews, who is now under police guard in hospital

Miss Andrews made an emotional appeal to find the driver and passenger of a Ford Sierra car which she said chased them for three miles along country lanes after they left a pub. The former model and har-

maid, who appeared with stitches in a cut above a black eye, told how she had been hit in the face by the passenger of the car pursuing them. She described him as an overweight man "with stary eyes" whom she had seen repeatedly stab her fiance. Relatives of the couple were

yesterday left confused by this latest twist in the murder hunt. Mr Harvey's father Ray said: This is the vilest murder possible. I just want to see justice done and what I want to do is look into the eyes of my son's killer."

Detectives have told him only that they have taken a woman into custody. There has been a lot of speculation, but we are trying to keep an open mind until something official is said," Mr Harvey added. He had sat beside Miss Andrews as she made her televised appeal.

Since the stabbing on December I police have been appealing for witnesses who either saw the car chase or the argument which allegedly ended with Mr Harvey's death. A senior police source said yesterday. We've had a good public response but there were no sightings of the inci-dent as allegedly described."

Detectives also began to examine the timetable that Miss Andrews had given them in which she claimed that the couple left a pub at 9.50pm to drive three miles to their home but the police were not called until an hour later.

Miss Andrews was herself covered in blood and told police she had cradled her dying fiance in her arms.

shot dead Lynam and Albion

in gang war By AUDREY MAGEE BRIGHTON and Hove Albi-IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A DRUG baron nicknamed The Psycho was shot dead early yesterday in Dublin's latest gangland killing. Peter Joseph Judge, 41, was shot twice in the head as he sat in

his car outside a pub. Judge was one of four men controlling the Dublin drug scene and was himself suspected of murdering at least two men. He is the fifteenth person to have been murdered in contract-style killings in the Irish capital since 1994 when the IRA murdered Martin Cahill, the criminal godfather

nicknamed The General After Cahill's death, the Dublin criminal underworld splintered into various gangs. one of which was responsible for the murder last June of the journalist Veronica Guerin. Judge, who dealt in heroin. cannabis, amphetamines and . Ecstasy, is not believed to have been involved in her death.

Judge had been to the Royal Oak pub in Finglas, north Dublin, on Saturday with a girlfriend. The two left at 12.15am and went to their Ford Fiesta in the car park. Mr Judge had barely started the engine when a masked man on a motorcycle fired through

Drug baron | Match of the Day:

BY A STAFF REPORTER

on, the troubled football club. has received an offer of help from Desmond Lynam. The BBC sports presenter and a long-time Brighton fan telephoned BBC Radio 5 Live's Six-O-Six, presented by David Mellor, on Saturday, offering to act as mediator.

The problems at Brighton centre on the sale of the Goldstone Ground, which may leave the club homeless in June, Supporters lears for the club's future have led to protest marches, boycotts and pitch invasions. The team occupies 92nd place (out of 92) in the Football League, went out of the FA Cup to a non-



league team, and is without a Lynam offered to mediate

between Bill Archer, the club chairman, and a consortium that hopes to take over the club. "We would get them in a room and kick their backsides for a couple of hours and see if we could get something sorted out because things are looking so black that the club is going to die," Lynam told listeners.

"I called in absolute frustration, really," Lynam said yes terday. "I keep getting letters and calls from people who know my love for the club and I'm desperate to do something. I'm as mortified as they are -I've been racking my brains for two years." Lynam was contacted short-

ly after the broadcast by David Davies of the Football Association, and invited to join discussions sponsored by the Football Association between all parties via the arbitration arm of the Confederation of

British Industry.
Dick Knight, the leader of the consortium, speaking on yesterday's Gary Lineker programme on Radio 5, and John Baine of the Brighton Independent Supporters Associ-ation, welcomed Lynam's intervention but called for the

Royal divorcees together for Prince's carol service

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince and Princess of Wales were seen together for the first time yesterday since their divorce in August. They joined Prince William in Eton College Chapel for the annual Christmas festival of lessons and carols. The Prince, who is 14 and in his second year at the school, read one of the

They arrived separately at their elder son's school house and were welcomed inside by Andrew Gailey, the housemaster. The Princess drove herself to the school in a black BMW; the Prince arrived five minutes later as a passenger in a Vauxhall Cavalier. The couple then entered the chapel by a side door to avoid

watting photographers.

Prince William read "The Prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem", Micah; had written urging the couple

v, 2-4. Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary. said: "It was an excellent service. Prince William read the lesson very well." The couple's appearance

together came on the day of an unconfirmed report that the Queen, in a move of reconciliation, would invite the Princess to her annual family lunch at Buckingham Palace on December 18, shortly before she departs for Christmas at Sandringham. The Palace would not confirm the invitation.

Last Christmas was the first since the separation that the Princess did not take up the Queen's invitation to spend part of the holiday season at Sandringham. It was a difficult period for the Princess, coming days after the Queen to proceed with their divorce. The Princess is thought unlikely to attend the Sandringham gathering this year. All eyes instead will be on whether the guest list numbers Sophie Rhys-Jones, who has been the girlfriend of Prince Edward for three years but who still appears to be in want

of a proposal of marriage.

Miss Rhys-Jones is rumoured to be tired of waiting. Whether she appears this year will be an important clue to Prince Edward's future

Diana, Princess of Wales, meanwhile, will be the centre of attention today when she delivers a speech in London to the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations. Later she will fly to New York for a charity



The KLM Fokker on the edge of a foam-drenched runway at Heathrow yesterday after its port undercarriage collapsed on landing

Crash-landing delays hundreds of flights

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AIR CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of flights to and from Heathrow Airport were delayed yesterday after the undercarriage of a twin-engined plane carrying 41 passengers and four crew collapsed on landing, blocking a runway.

More than 150 flights were delayed by at least two hours, others were cancelled and thousands of passensers were held at airports throughout Europe waiting for clearance to fly to Heathrow, Accident investigators carried out an inspection of the undercar50 in an attempt to pinpoint what caused it to collapse on landing. The captain of flight KL 483, from

Rotterdam, had told air traffic controllers that he was "not getting three green lights", indicating that the three legs of the undercarriage had locked down safely and that the port leg was

not deploying fully.
As firefighters sprayed foam onto the runway, the propeller-driven aircraft made a perfect approach from the west and touched down, apparently without incident. But as the aircraft braked some 200 metres down the

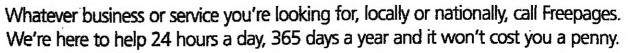
led, tipping the aircraft on to its port wing while it was moving at about

As soon as the plane had come to a halt the passengers were evacuated, with only one suffering a bruised toe as he stumbled from the escape chute. The aircraft, built in 1991 and with no previous bistory of undercarriage trouble, was left on the edge of the runway, which had to be closed to both landing and departing aircraft.

The entire airport closed for a time as controllers sorted the arriving aircraft and held those intending to aircraft then had to use another runway, seriously reducing the airport's overall capacity. British Airways alone had to delay 30 flights by at least two hours and cancelled three

services to Manchester. Sunday afternoon is one of the busiest times of the week for flights from and to continental Europe and dozens of pilots were ordered to wait where they were rather than attempt to come to Heathrow. The blocked runway was expected to the cleared by late last night, and most flights should be back to normal by today.









Son unveils memorial to head who never let his pupils down

murdered headmaster Philip Lawrence unveiled a plaque to his father yesterday on the first anniversary of his death.

In a moving ceremony outside the gates of St George's Catholic School. Maida Vale, northwest London, Lucien Lawrence stepped onto a dais and smiled nervously as he pronounced: Now I shall unveil the memo-

rial to my daddy."
Helped by the Duchess of Kent, he then pulled a cord to reveal the plaque, which said his father "gave his life in defence of a pupil". Cardinal Basil Hume and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, were among those who stood and applauded. Pupils attending the ceremony were visibly upset by the rekindled memories of Mr Lawrence's stabbing, many having seen their wounded headmaster stagger ing back through the school gates before collapsing and

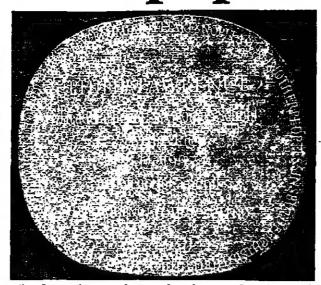
later dying in hospital. Kamil Zulawski, 11, said: "He was a good man and good for the school. Now we must do our best to live up to his

In a service in the school's main hall. Cardinal Hume.

THE nine-year-old son of the Archbishop of Westminster. told 200 pupils, teachers, friends and politicians that Mr Lawrence was an example to be followed as well as a memory to be cherished". He added: "Here was a man who got things right. He seemed to incorporate in a person all the values that our society needs and for which Frances, his beloved wife, has so rightly called."

Mrs Lawrence, who has intitiated a national debate on morality since her husband's death, said that the memorial encapsulated "the quietude, the strength and the abiding principle of his life". She added that it was "above all for his pupils". "In the early morning or at dusk as they walk through the school gates, perhaps they will pause for a while and consider for a while

the words on the plaque.
They will visualise how he would stand at the gates and send them on their way cheerfully and remember that he cared deeply for each one of them. That he respected and delighted in each of his pupil's individuality and considered each one of them to be capable of greatness. They will remember that when times were



"... love takes no pleasure in other people's sins ..."

tough he gave them hope and that he never let them down." Referring to an inscription on the plaque from Corinthians, she added: "One year ago today, Philip died. What he was will live on and just as

truth is eternal, so the words on the memorial to him form an unbroken circle." Mr Lawrence was stabbed by a 15-year-old boy as he tried to help one of his pupils who was being attacked by a gang of teenagers outside the school

gates. Earlier this year, an Old Bailey judge ordered Learco Chindamo to be detained indefinitely for the murder.

Mr Lawrence's three daugh-ters, Maroushka, who read a psalm, Myfanwy and Unity, and his mother were at the service. Mrs Lawrence thanked the thousands of people who had given money for the memorial. "It is created from your generosity and from your prayers and

been lost," she said. Mr Howard paid tribute to

Mrs Lawrence for attempting to make something meaningful and positive from his death. The bravery Frances has shown has inspired each of us who have seen it. More than that, it has touched the conscience of the nation. It was her choice that love and reason would triumph over hate and irrationality. She has decided that Philip's death can be an agency of change and healing in society. She has offered us her ideas for healing our society and she has given us a vision of regeneranion." Mr Howard recently. launched an award scheme, as a result of Mrs Lawrence's initiative, to promote good citizenship among young people.

Although security was right around the school, there was no obvious police guard for Lucien, who was the target of a failed abduction attempt by bogus social workers who called at his home in Ealing, west London, last week.

The Duchess of Kent, who is suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome, spoke of her friendship with the family since Mr Lawrence's death



Elizabeth Neville: "Women are in a minority and that creates difficulties'

Women need middle ground, says newest police chief

POLICE forces still do not have enough women in their middle ranks at a time when opportunities for promotion have eased to widen, Britain's newest woman chief constable says. Elizabeth Neville, appointed to lead the Wiltshire force, said women were sometimes shy about seeking promotion and there were fewer jobs available as superintendents.

Speaking as she began preparations to move from the deputy chief constable's seat in Northamptonshire, she said: "Women are in a minority and that creates its ewa difficulties. Promotions may settle down and level off instead of continuing to climb. The pool of officers to choose chief officers from is very small."

Lancashire already has a woman chief constable, Pauline Clare. Semior women now meet during the year to discuss developments. Miss Neville, 43, au Oxford graduate, said women make up 14.5 per cent of police strength and a quarter of

recruits, but this was a recent change. She accepts that sexism and harassmen exist, although she has never experienced them directly. They can be crushed with good personnel work and complaints systems, she said. The mother of two children, aged 10 and 12, she is divorced from another officer, now an assistant chief constable. She said: "My staff kept bringing me newspaper cuttings about divorcée and mother of two. They never

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Woman, 51, gives birth to her daughter's child

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE doctor who helped a 51year-old grandmother to give birth to her own grandchild said yesterday the case was unlikely to be repeated.

John Webster, director of the Fertility Services Centre at BMI Park hospital, Nottingham, said most women did not discover they were intertile until well into their 30s, by which time their own mother would be too old to act as a

Mr Webster was speaking after Caitlin Langston was born last Thursday to her grandmother Edith Jones. It is the first time such a birth has

Mrs Jones, who went through the menopause five years ago, agreed to carry the baby for her daughter, Suzanne Langston, 22, who was born without a womb. Eggs were removed from Mrs Langston's ovaries, fertilised with sperm from her husband, and two embryos were implanted in her mother's

The 5lb 3oz girl, who was born by Caesarean section at Darlington Memorial hospital, is therefore genetically its mother's. However, legally, Mrs Jones is Caitlin's mother and her name will appear on the birth certificate. But in six weeks Mrs Langston and her husband, Chris, can apply to the courts for a Parental Order

that will make the baby officially theirs.

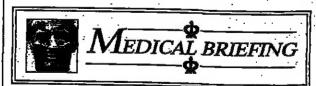
Mrs Jones, who admitted the pregnancy was more tiring than she had expected, said: "It is just wonderful to see We have all waited a long time for this but it has been worth every minute.

Suzanne added: "The past few days have been out-of-this world - the most marvellous time of my life. I can still

hardly believe I now have my very own baby girl." The world's first surrogate grandmother, Pat Anthony, gave birth to triplets which she had carried for her daughter. Karen, in South Africa in 1988. Ray Kennedy, the triplets' grandfather, said yesterday they were super, bouncy children" who were unaffected by the unusual circumstances of their birth.

☐ A man removed a ten-inch tube left in his wife's body after an operation by following instructions given to him over the phone by a nurse. South Tyneside Healthcare NHS Trust has apologised to Gillian Robson of Byker, Tyne and Wear, who has been offered a financial settlement. Her husband Paul, an industrial engineer, was told he might be able to remove the tube after the hospital said it could not perform the procedure until the next day.

Should mothers have been told?



A SERIES of legal actions by epileptic mothers against doc-tors and health authorities is due to start in the next few months. The mothers claim that their children's disabilities would have been avoided had they been warned of the dangers of treating their seizures with sodium valproate while they were pregnant.

A letter to The Lancet in

1986 analysed the increased risks of pregnant woman having a child with congeni-tal deformities to the spine if they had taken sodium valproate, marketed as Epilim, during the first three

months of pregnancy. Mention of a link between sodium valproate and con-genital malformation had been made in other letters to medical journals since 1982. But it was the review in The Lancet which showed that the chance of having a baby with abnormalities to the spine such as spina bifida was increased fourfold. It is now recognised that children born to mothers taking sodium valproate also have an increased risk of having wideapart eyes, a broad nose and varying degrees of physical

and mental incapacity. Since the 1986 report in The Lancet it has been generally

be told of the risk of taking sodium valproate and if they were to continue this treatment during a pregnancy it would need careful discussion

and their informed consent. There is a case for contin uing treatment with Epilim in some instances when, if it were not to be prescribed, there would be a grave risk of the patient having seizures. which could damage the

Sodium valproate has other side-effects. The drug is hepatotoxic and patients who are taking it, whether pregnant or not need to have their liver. function tests monitored regularly. Periodic blood counts are also necessary so as to check platelet levels - the small particles in the blood involved in clotting. When testing for diabetes, sodium valproate makes the urine tests unreliable and blood tests have to be substituted. In other patients the drug has

caused pancreatitis. One unusual effect of sodium valproate is that in about 2 per cent of patients it makes their hair curi.

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TV and food brands are recipe for a chef's fortune

BRITAIN'S leading chefs are looking forward to becoming amiltimillionaires. In a nation apparently obsessed with food yet increasingly incapable of cooking it, the chef is king, and

The media exposure enjoyed by chefs is reaching extraordinary proportions. With some 30 regular cookery programmes on terrestrial television and almost double that number on cable and satellite, chefs are too busy racing from studio to studio to have much time for their restaurant stoves.

Antony Worrail-Thompson, whose London restaurants include 190 Queensgate, dell'Ugo and Zoe, said yesterday: "I was on 178 different programmes last year, yet I am not really up there at the top like the current favourites. Two Fat Ladies. Now they are really mega.

The most popular television chefs earn tens of thousands of pounds for each episode of their series and can add up to £100,000 from subsequent book sales. Advertising contracts are likely to be even more lucrative, with as £500,000 for a national cam-



Fat ladies: Clarissa Dickson Wright and Jenniser Paterson

paign over a long period. Occasional television appearances net only hundreds of pounds.

The most commercially successful of the current crop of British chefs is Gary Rhodes, who recently quit the Greenhouse and People's Palace restaurants in London for a highly paid job with the industrial references Gardens Membrant and caterers Gardner Merchant and a lucrative contract advertising Tate & Lyle on television. His

series have also been a success in book form, and according to recent research his laddish presentation makes him familiar

even to viewers who never cook. Similarly popular among the culinarily incompetent is Keith Floyd, whose recent cookery television series have been one part travelogue, one part monologue and two parts another glass of wine. He has been rewarded with bountiful book sales, and though his Devon pub

lems, he is further bankrolled by his Floyd on Bread endorsement which appears on bakery prod-ucts sold in Safeway stores.

That is the way the future is likely to go. according to the advertising agency Leo Burnett. It has researched public attitudes to food and chefs and has decided that television chefs are "national brands in the making". Mike Ainsworth, Burnett's business development director,

said: "Nearly a fifth of the population cannot cook and are proud of it. They do not want to cook, but they still know and trust Gary Rhodes, Keith Floyd and Delia Smith." Smith, he says, "is the Volvo of British cuisine - safe, reliable, and totally organised". With her magazine tie-up with Sains-bury's she is, he believes, one of Britain's most fully developed chef-brands.

Others well-heeled in the business include the Roux Brothers (Michel is consultant to British Airways and Albert to enterprises as far away as Moscow) Raymond Blanc (consultant to Virgin Atlantic) and Anton Mosimann, who has an outside catering business and a range of fine foods and cookery products.



Gary Rhodes: his laddish presentation makes him familiar even to viewers who never cook

Families to hear how Dunblane gifts will be used

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

FAMILIES of victims of the Dunblane massacre will be told this week how some of the £7 million given by well-wishers is to be spent.

Three separate funds set up after the March 13 murders at Dunblane Primary School have collected £7.3 million between them. The largest, the Dunblane Fund, now stands at £4.5 million.

The Dunblane Fund trustees are expected to make an announcement, possibly tomorrow, about their spending plans. They may also set a closing date for donations, which are still coming in.

Profits from the Dunblane single, a rerecording of the sale today, will not be given to any of the tragedy funds. All proceeds from the sale of the song, featuring 14 Dunblane children, will go to Save the Children, ChildLine and the Children's Hospice Association of Scotland.

Trustees of the Dunblane Fund have commissioned two roses in memory of Gwen Mayor, the teacher who died,



Cook: will ask about killer's Masonic links

and the children. Work has also just started on a £100,000 landscaped memorial garden at Dunblane Cemetery, where some of Thomas Hamilton's victims are buried. It is being jointly funded by the Dunblane Fund and the Stirling Observer Dunblane Help Fund, a charitable trust set up by the local paper, which currently stands at £1.7 mil-

The Dunblane Fund's primary purpose is to provide those affected by the tragedy. Some money has already been distributed in interim payments to families of the bereaved and injured. Details of Bob Dylan song, Knockin' on the payments are being kept final distribution of funds to affected families is said to be

> The third fund, run b Dumblane Primary School Board and the Parent Teachers Association, stands at about £1.1 million. The board has carried out a survey of parents to find out how they want the money to be spent Early suggestions included providing a range of educa-tional facilities, including language laboratories, computers and science equipment.

Meanwhile, Frank Cook, Labour MP for Stockton about Thomas Hamilton's links with the Masons. He will claim that the killer was a member in 1977 although he stopped attending lodge meet-ings in 1986. He will also question the role of Central Scotland Police in allowing Hamilton to build up his arsenal of weapons and

Living dangerously as Mother Goose

By CAROL MIDGLEY

A HEALTH warning has been issued to Mother Goose, Cinderella and Dick Whittington. Doctors say the energetic nature of pantomime performances puts actors at much greater risk of injury such as bernias.

Dudley Rogg, a director at the British Hernia Centre in London, said the number of patients visiting his clinic "dramatically increased." during the panto season.

Mr Rogg said. "We see an awul lot of actors coming in, it is really quite astonishing. Actors as a group are very macho, they have to leap and bound across the stage and hoist up their leading ladies.

Most are anxious to keep it quiet because they don't want to lose the work."

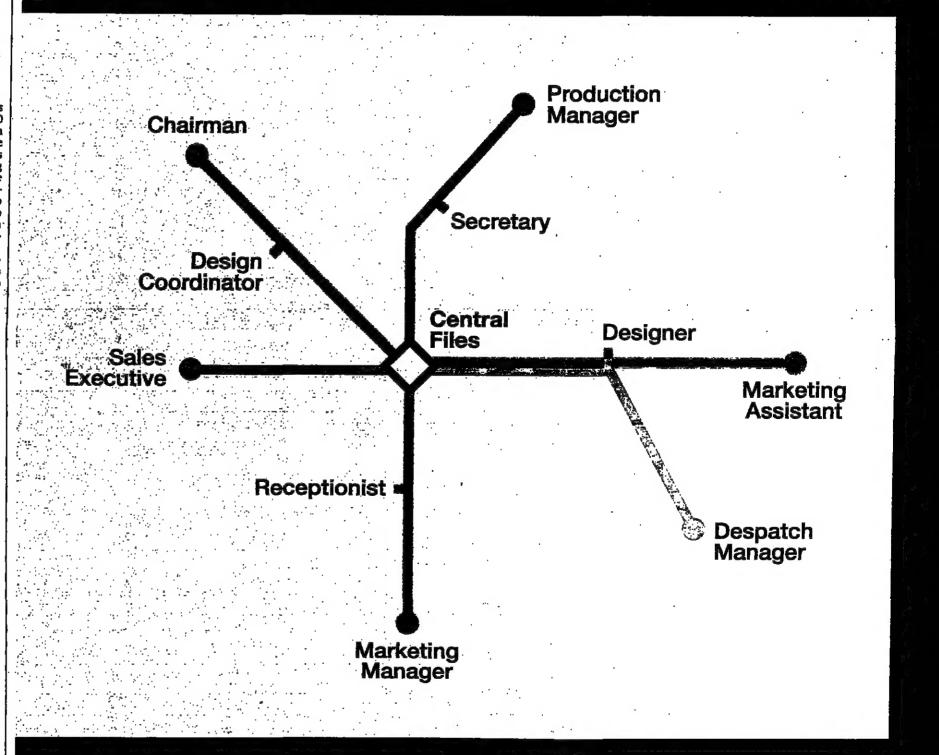
Paul Elliot, whose production company is involved with 33 pantomimes this year, hard work. Sheer fatigue is one of the main problems but we do get quite a few injuries.
"I think the most tiring part

though is Matthew Kelly's as Mother Goose at the Birmingham Hippodrome. He has got to go through 18 changes of costume involving huge headdresses then go up and down in a balloon. If anyone is a candidate for a hernia this year it's him."

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Sunday shoppers join £23bn festive spending spree

presents worth about E7 bil-

lion, compared with £6.6 bil-

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The Welsh and Scots are the

most generous to their child-

ren, expecting to spend £202 and £200 a head respectively

on presents for them, com-

pared to the national average

of £155. The Welsh indicate

they will spend most in total at

£650, £133 more than the

average. Londoners expect to

The Welsh also topped the

list on food, saying they will

spend the least at £459.

billion on food and drink.

SHOPS were last night countsoon after 7am for the Harn ing takings substantially up start. Chris Fear, the managon last year's, after Britain er, said: "The car parks have went on what traders called been full every day for weeks the biggest pre-Christmas and both Saturday and Sunshopping spree in almost a day were no exception. Most nights we have been kicking Not since the 1980s have people out at the 10pm closing time and we have done about

shops been so full, with customers prepared to dig 40 per cent of our business after 5.30pm." A survey suggests that Brit-ain will spend £23.5 billion on cash and credit. Out-of-town shopping malls reported takings at least 15 per cent up presents, food and drink this ear, £700 million more than on last year, even though the last. The study, for the propernumber of shoppers was only ty consultants Healey and Baker, found that children 3 per cent more. Although the Christmas could expect to receive

rush appeared to have started later this year, it gathered speed yesterday as millions of stores took advantage of the permitted six hours' Sunday opening. John Bryson, manager of Metro Centre, Britain's biggest out-of-town shopping mall, near Gateshead, said that at least 30,000 people passed through the doors after they opened at Ilam. They spent an average of £125 each, compared with last year's £110, he said.

At the Lakeside shopping complex at Thurrock, Essex, the earliest shoppers arrived spend £127, while Scots were at the bottom, predicting £91 against a national average of

Retailers say there appears to have been a return to highquality, high-priced gifts. So many personal computers and electronic games are being sold that major industrialists and military equipment man-ufacturers are said to face a

shortage of microchips.

Chris Ward, a technology consultant, said: "During the summer, the price fell as production increased. But now the price has gone up by 50 per cent because of the huge increase in demand from individuals. It is very hard for aircraft manufacturers or missile contractors to obtain sufficient supply of the more powerful 16 or 32 megabyte

The toy most in demand is a model of Buzz Lightyear, one of the heroes of the Disney film Toy Story. So many have been sold that many toy shops have run out of supplies. Harrods in central London said: "We have been told we will have no more in stock before Christmas."

hated him because of his Air Vice-Marshal Johnson 81, is one of the few surviving Bader and he remembers him with awe and affection. "I would compare him with Drake and Nelson. He was a

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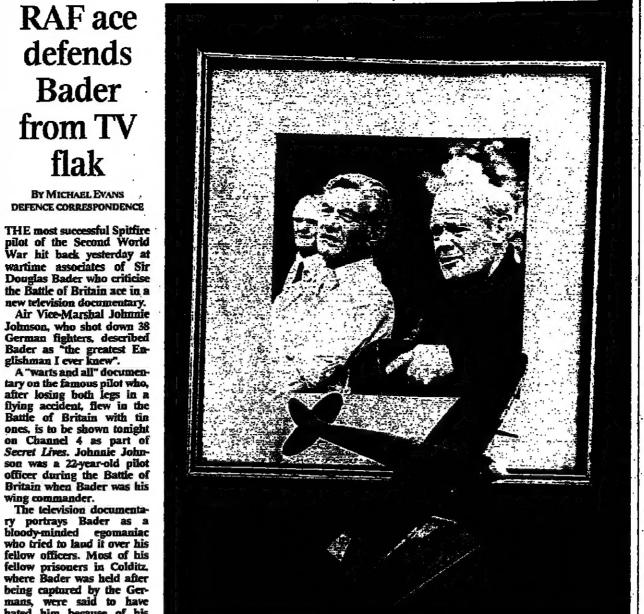
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By MICHAEL EVANS

splendid man." Alex Ross, Bader's medical orderly at Colditz, says he had to carry Bader up and down flights of stone steps in the prison every day and was never thanked. He also says he was prevented by Bader from leaving Colditz in an exchange of medical person-nel. Air Vice-Marshal Johnson said yesterday: "Who is this medical orderly? I've never heard of him and what gives him the right to criticise someone like Bader?"

He added: "He was an inspirational leader. He had the qualities of leadership that made it possible to do what we did." He admitted that Bader could sometimes have a rough tongue if pilots made mistakes. "But it was





Air Vice-Marshal Johnson, top left, with Bader in 1982, three months before he died, and Bader climbing into his Spitfire in 1945 for a victory flypast

Quiz has solicitors guessing who broke the bed

A SCURRILOUS Christmas quiz disclosing sexual liaisons and drug-taking within City of London legal firms has triggered a guessing game among solicitors anxious to identify the prime suspects.

The questionnaire has been compiled from gossip gathered during the past year from solicitors willing to dish the dirt on colleagues and rivals. The 25-question quiz. published in Legal Business magazine highlights alleged sexual antics, drunkenness and drug-taking but offers no prizes for the correct answers. Question 1 asks: "Which City firm's chief executive stood up to make at speech at MIPIM (a trade fair) this year and promptly fell over because he was so drunk?"

Another asks which partner took a secretary to his home in Islington, north London, and proceeded to break the bed. The magazine's readers are also asked which partner was allegedly discovered in flagrante delicto in the lavatory

of a Birmingham restaurant. Too difficult? Then the magazine asked which partner in a City firm withdrew thousands of pounds from his bank, took the money home and rolled around naked in it, or which partner declared to his col-leagues that he had made so much money in his last deal he was going to have a vital part of his anatomy cast in gold.

Or there are the questions asking at which law firm's party a journalist was offered cocaine, and which solicitor was arrested for dealing in Ecstasy. Catrina Griffiths, editor of

the magazine, said yesterday that the quiz was a bit of light relief, and that because lawyers had to be so controlled in court or in dealing with cli-ents, they had a tendency to let their hair down when off-duty. There are always two or three partners in most firms who are, shall we say, more experimental and wild in their behaviour than the rest."

Ms Griffiths said she had received no complaints but had been surprised by the number of people calling her

Makers defend kit that puts a punch into pop

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE makers of a do-ityourself "alcopop" kit rejected demands yesterday for it to be withdrawn from shops, where it can be bought by children.

The alcohol-booster Splooch turns soft drinks into the equivalent of strong lager. On the front of the £4.99 kit is a cartoon logo showing two eyes looking the worse for drink. Richard Danby, technical

nental Wine Experts in Norwich, said: "It is intended for the alcopop market. It is meant to be the home-brew equivalent but we are certainbrew and that is a consider-

patience and planning, like any home-brew kit. We will take on board all the comments although we are unlikely to withdraw it."

The company also produces beer-making kits which, like Splooch, are not covered by licensing laws. A Splooch kit makes the equivalent of 27 standard 330ml bottles containing 5 per cent alcohol by volume. It also includes instructions saying that adding the hooster to wines and beers

Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, said "This product takes a lot of he would write to lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, asking for Splooch to

Portman Group, the brewing industry's self-regulatory body, said it had contacted the British Retail Consortium to advise its members to consider whether they should sell the product: "We would urge the manufacturers to rethink the packaging. There is nothing wrong with Splooch in itself but we are against cartoonly not targeting under-age could produce an alcohol con-drinkers. It takes ten days to tent of up to 15 per cent. be attractive to adolescents."

be banned.

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Court plea to cut £20m police bill for damages

By STEWART TENDLER

SCOTLAND YARD is going to the Court of Appeal today in an attempt to cut back on the damages awarded against the Metropolitan Police in a series of cases. The Yard is also seeking guidelines for juries hearing actions against the

Two cases will be heard over two days in the court of the Master of the Rolls Lord Woolf, and lawyers for Sir Paul Condon, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, could put forward chal-lenges on another seven cases.

The actions come after mounting concern by Sir Paul and senior officers at the scale of damages. In 1995 Scotland Yard paid out £1.5 million in damages compared with £393,000 in 1986. Awards and costs are estimated to have cost the Metropolitan Police £20 million in the past ten

The Yard is challenging the award of £220,000 in March to Kenneth Hsu, 32, a hairdresser, who said he was wrongly arrested and assaulted after refusing to let police into his home in Streatham, southwest London, without a search warrant. It is also challenging the £51,000 for Claudette Thompson, 30, in June last year for assault and battery and

David Pannick, QC, is ap-pearing for Scotland Yard and the cases are the first of a series which could stretch into next year. The legal argument is likely to centre on the use of exemplary damages to punish and deter.

in a number of the cases where large awards have been made no action was taken against the officers concerned. The Yard would argue the awards were excessive.

Further cases that could go before the court include the record award of £302,000 to Daniel Goswell, 29, after he was hit with a truncheon while handcuffed and £150,000 in June to two Kurdish political refugees, Haci



LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS led by Cherie Booth, QC, are spearheading a campaign to help child-sex victims through undercover investigations of paedophile networks and reforms to criminal trials.

They have lent their backing to the Justice for Children project run by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and seeking to raise £3 million for its

The lawyers steering the campaign - to be launched officially in January next month - include Sir Stephen Brown, the head of the High Court family division, Lord Borrie, formerly Director General of Fair Trading, and Robert Ayling, chief executive of British Airways and a lawyer. The City law firms Lovell White Durrant and Macfarlanes are also

A programme of action is already under way. The NSPCC has a small team of social workers involved in organised paedophile networks in London, in conjune tion with the Metropolitan Police, but they have a limited budget and urgently need

greater funding.

With the backing of the lawyers, the Justice for Children project is also making a training video for judges on how to deal with children in sex-abuse cases. The video, developed with the Judicial Studies Board but with substantial funding from the NSPCC, will be launched in

the new year. The lawyers are also supporting moves to secure reforms to the trial process.





Sir Stephen: helping to steer campaign

These could see children crossexamined in judges' chambers, where no wigs or gowns are worn; reductions in delays in the hearing of child abuse cases, which average 10 months; improved facilities so that video links are the norm; waiting areas where children are not at risk of facing defendants.

Margaret McCabe, a barrister who with Ms Booth is joint organiser of the cam-paign to involve the legal

ren feel that the court ordeal is worse than the original abuse. The extent of the problem is massive - we see one paedophilia case in chambers a week. And one paedophile can do harm to perhaps perhaps six to ten children." She acknowledged there

was concern, even hostility. within some quarters of the criminal Bar, while sympathetic, are also concerned about not putting the interests of justice, the interests of a fair trial, at risk," she said.

The NSPCC said much had been done to help to prepare children for the court; now work was needed to prepare courts for children. Neil Hunt, London regional director, welcomed the involvement of the legal profession: "It is obviouspartly about fund-raising but also about promoting our policies as well as backing operational work."

Last week the charity Childline reported the trauma of many who report incidents. There were about 54,000 protection referralls for sexual abuse in 1994 but fewer than



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C of E halts fall in congregations to overtake Catholics

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

SUNDAY attendance at the Church of England is set to overtake that of the Roman Catholic Church for the first time in recent history. Figures for the congregations for Eng-land and Wales suggest that the Anglicans will nose ahead by about 1,000.

Although the Church of England is the established church and still baptises, marries and buries most of the country's Christian popula-tion, it has traditionally lagged behind in the number

of people in the pews.

Tables in the Catholic Directory 1997 show a drop of 55,000 in the average Mass attendance between 1994 and 1995, more than the number of churchgoing Catholics in the whole of Wales. While 1.19 million went in 1994, this fell to 1.135 million last year.

Figures for last year are not yet available for the Church of England. The latest atten-dance figures for England and Wales, for 1994, give an average Sunday turnout of 1.136 million. That is still marginally below the Catholic figures for 1994 but statisticians say the differing rate of decline in each church means that the Anglicans will inch ahead this year or next.

Now members of both churches are anxiously awaiting the Anglican Church fig-ures for last year, due to be published early in the new

The new Catholic Church figures show that the number of Catholic baptisms in 1995 Charch of England arage Sunday attendar

also fell, from 75,236 to 74,848 and the number of marriages from 18,344 to 17,294. The number of Catholic parish churches has increased by 27. from 2,829 to 2,856.

Unlike in the Anglican Church, where the decline that has been a feature since the 1960s has slowed, the rate of decline in the Catholic Church is accelerating. According to recent research by Cafod, the Catholic overseas development agency, the next decade will see a drop by at least half of today's Mass attendance to fewer than 600,000.

Anglicans, however, believe their decline has bottomed out and figures over the past few years have shown attendance remaining roughly steady.
In the Catholic Church,

where weekly mass attendance was once considered compulsory, churchgoing peaked at more than two



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Churchgoing in the Church of England was then at 1.6 million. Figures for Wales are not available but are thought

to have stood at about 120,000.

leaving the Anglicans far be-hind the Catholics.

The Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wake-

field, said: The Church of

England is livelier and spiri-

tually more healthy than it has been for some time. It gives me no joy to witness declining

numbers in our sister Catholic

Church. The denominations

need each other to be strong so

that together we can witness to the gospel in an unbelieving

Monsignor Kieran Conry, of the Catholic Media Office,

said: "I am pleased for the

Anglicans if numbers are pick-

ing up. We have had more people in church for some

years but that was more to do

with the decline in Anglican

practice than any growth in

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A little help but a long way to go: a weekend visitor reaches to make a donation at the British Museum

Job fears at British Museum

By Damian Whitworth

THE British Museum may make job cuts and slash departmental budgets after ruling out admission charges in the immediate future.

The trustees met at the weekend to discuss a report from Andrew Edwards, a former deputy secretary in the Treasury, which said that the museum's finances were in disarray and predicted a £25 million shortfall over the next three years. He recommended an admission fee of £5 or £6 to raise £8 million a

A statement from the trust-ees said they had rejected admission fees for the time being but "the introduction cannot be ruled out". They added: "All areas of expenditure and income generation are being appraised, includ-ing staff levels. It is inevitable that there will have to be some curtailment of activity but the trustees are determined to continue to provide a good level of service.

☐ The new British Library may consider charges. Dr Brian Lang, chief executive, of his intention to investigate the implications of charging.

Food poison death toll rises to nine as shop staff fall sick

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A NINTH pensioner has died lets, E. coli - Advice To You, in Scotland's food poisoning have been distributed in Lanepidemic, which is now affect- arkshire, the area worst affectpeople. The latest victim, an elderly woman who has not been named, died after being released from Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary

She had been recovering from the E. coli 0157 intection and her condition had improved enough for her to go to a nursing home.

It emerged over the week-end that seven staff at the award-winning butcher's shop thought to be the source of the food poisoning outbreak have shown symptoms of being infected with the E. coli 0157 bacteria.

North Lanarkshire environmental health officers said the workers became infected after the outbreak and were not. carrying the bug while serving in the Wishaw shop of John M Barr & Son. Mr Barr employs about 40 staff.

Out of the 386 people now affected by apparent food poisoning, 204 have now been confirmed as having E. coli 0157. Sixteen adults being treated at Monklands Hospital. Airdrie, and an elderly woman transferred to Stobbill Hospital from Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary, are

seriously ill. Lanarkshire Health Board launched a health awareness campaign this weekend to warn the public how they can best minimise the risk of food poisoning. Thousands of leaf-

ed by the outbreak, at footbal grounds, shopping precincts, markets, hospitals and in churches.

The II-point message, which includes practical advice on storage of meat and personal hygiene, will be reinforced by adverts in local newspapers

Health experts believe there is no longer any potential risk from the 82 outlets supplied by the Wishaw butcher, provid-ing no cooked meats or meat products from Barr's shop remain on these premises. Affected stores are said to have been thoroughly cleaned and the environmental health department is "satisfied that the potential risk of the transmission of E. coli 0157 from having stocked Mr Barr's

products no longer exists". It has emerged meanwhile that an antidote to the E. coll bacteria, developed in Cana-da, is due to begin trials in Britain next year. Lanarkshire Health Board said, however, that the current outbreak featured a particularly severe strain of E. coli and it was not yet known if the antidote would be effective against it.

On Teesside this weekend a 90-year-old woman infected with E. coli 0157 died. It was also confirmed that another pensioner on Teesside was being treated for the bacteria. Neither case is linked to the Scottish epidemic.

Bank sued over home's negative equilibrium

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A WOMAN is suing Barclays Bank and its surveyors over a hole that threatens to engulf her home. Already part of Jane Britton's garage has slipped into it and she has spent £4,000 tipping tons of rubble into the hole to prevent her three-bedroomed house

going the same way. Problems began within weeks of the family moving into the £85,000 house in Ripon, north Yorkshire, two years ago. The front garden subsided, leaving a hole 20ft

wide and 10ft deep.
Mrs Britton, 31, had not been told that the seven-yearold house had been built over gypsum deposits, which dissolve on contact with water. She said: "I asked for a structural survey, the bank's surveyor didn't spot it. When I first saw it, I just screamed."

Depite the rubble the hole keeps re-appearing, each time bigger than before Mrs later this month.

Britton, who lives with Eddie Newcombe and their two children Charlotte, 9, and Charlie, 8, said: "What we have now is a house that is worthless and a problem with the land that threatens to literally swallow us up." The hardcore costs £2,000 a

time. She said: "The insurance company has paid up five times and I have paid the bill twice but it can't keep going on like this for much longer." Her insurers are now refusing to pay because they

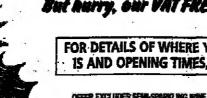
say it is a natural disaster. The British Geological Survey has produced a report which claims that the problem was known about as far back as 1968. Mrs Britton is claiming £200,000 from Barclays — which advanced her £20,000 mortgage - their surveyors and the previous Court date has been fixed for



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Wind of change puts Ratty on rescue list with rhino

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

HE IS the stoical star of Christmas productions of The Wind in the Willows. But the real-life Ratty faces near extinction by the end of the

The water vole, on which the character in Kenneth Grahame's immortal novel was modelled. is one of 600 species of flora and fauna in danger of disappearing from the British countryside. That is why the charity Tusk Force is dedicated to saving humble native mammals as well as funding high-profile and dangerous operations to track poachers that hunt the Siberian tiger and black rhino.

Extinction is no respecter of size. Neela Bettridge, the charity's director, said: "We cannot lecture other countries about the need to protect the African elephant or the black bear and then ignore the destruction of our native species." Tusk Force is also working with others in the Highlands of Scotland to protect species such as the vildcat and the red squirrel.

When Kenneth Grahame walked the riverbanks 90 years ago, there was no shortof water voles to amuse and educate him as he fashioned Ratty's character. When Mole says what "a jolly life" it THE **CHRISTMAS** APPEAL



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must be living by the river, Ratty replies: "By it and with it and on it and in it. It's brother and sister to me. and aunts and company, and food washing. It's my world, and I don't want any other. Lord!

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tion, agricultural develop-ment and flood control, greatly reducing the supply of habitats, fragmenting vole colonies and leaving them more vunerable to predators. The small, whiskery, silkybrown water vole has vanished from 75 per cent of its

Farmland now extends right up to river edges. Banks

may be grazed and trampled by livestock. Marshy vegeta-tion and reeds that provide food and shelter for water voles often no longer exist.

Over the past two years Tusk Force has given funds and equipment to the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit at Oxford University for scientists to investigate the alarming decline. The team carried

and rivers from the Dee to the Thames. Their findings show the water vole had gone from the rivers Evenlode, Gade, Lambourn, Loddon, Mole and Wey. Along the Thames, signs of the mammal were found at only two sites.

The water vole is now listed on the UK's Biodiversity Action Plan, which means the Government must devise a scheme for the species to survive. Over the coming year, Tusk Force will be improving waterside habitats for water voles by creating experimental sanctuaries.

Although possessed of neither waterproof fur nor to build their homes in reed-covered banks beside slow-flowing ditches, streams and rivers. Over the centuries, Ratty has survived the preda tion of owls, stoats, weasels and foxes but the species is no match for mink that have escaped from farms to colonise the riverbank.

Rob Strachan, a biologis with the Oxford Unit, said: Since the start of this centur there has been a gradual decline in water voles. By the year 2000, only 6 per cent of water vole sites known to have existed 100 years ago



Mole visits Ratty on the riverbank: "It's my world, and I don't want any other."

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THE countryside is being subjected to "death by a thousand cuts" from the ugly clutter of a modern society that cares little for rural beauty and tranquillity, conservationists say.

Relaxation of controls on the advertisement of commercial premises could see thousands of disfiguring new road signs sprouting all over the country next year, according to the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). The threat is highlighted in a CPRE report published today urging local councils and the against the rising tide of what

it calls "countryside clutter". "It is not just large-scale developments ... that cause harm," Jonathan Dimbleby, the CPRE president, said. The gradual accumulation of small changes can have a dramatic effect over time, suburbanising the country-side and hiding its special

character and beauty." The CPRE is particularly alarmed by the spread of unnecessary and intrusive road signs, inappropriate advertisements, insensitively sited telecommunications masts and garishly designed roadside restaurants. Earlier this year, in the name of deregulation, the Department of Trans-

governing the erection of the white-on-brown tourist signs. Neil Sinden, CPRE's plan-ning and heritage campaign-er, said: "Under the new rules any business open to the public without prior booking during normal opening hours is eligible to apply for the signs. This means that cinemas, pubs, shops, restaurants. hotels and bed-and-breakfast

operators all now qualify." The Countryside Commission, the Government's landscape adviser, has estimated that the relaxation of controls, which it strongly opposed could lead to half a million new white-on-brown signs being erected

More alarmingly, the Department of Transport is proposine to allow commercial sponsorship of road signposts. The department has also issued proposals for a completely new class of signs for commercial premises not covered by the new rules on tourist white-on-brown signs. A separate proposal by the Environment Department to abolish regulations banning outdoor hoardings in "areas of special control of advertisements", which cover half the countryside, has been dropped but only "for the time being".

Storm brewing over **Met Office accuracy**

THE Met Office claim that its BBC Radio 4 forecasts are 34 per cent accurate was challenged by a weather expert yesterday. Dr John Thornes, director of the Climate and Atmospheric Research Centre at Birmingham University. said some rainfall forecasts were less than 50 per cent

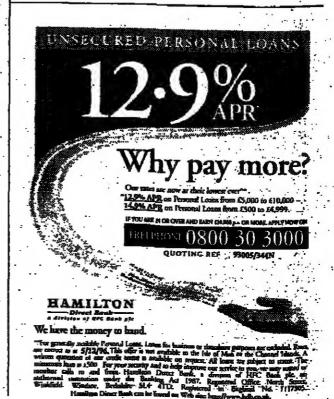
He will call at a meeting of the Royal Meteorological Soci-ety in London on Wednesday. for verification of Met Office forecasts by an independent body — an "Ofmet". The Met Office said that would be "inappropriate" because its performance was already

monitored by the National

Audit Office. Dr Thornes believes commercialisation of forecasting has put more emphasis on presentation and less on precision. Even if the 84 per cent figure is right, he questions its

value for money.

"If you predict the weather by saying it will be the same tomorrow as it is today, you will be about 60 per cent right," he said. "This means that a lot of public money is going into something which only improves accuracy by about 20 per cent,"





gagement in 1914 when the Royal Navy destroyed a large German fleet under the command of Admiral von Spee moored off the Falklands, But as the islanders cele-

brate with parades, games and a public holiday, many are wondering whether they will soon have to fight a new battle with a Labour government determined to nudge them into closer relations with Argentina. Their worries have been provoked by a statement from Tony Lloyd, a Labour foreign affairs spokesman, during a recent visit here when he urged the islanders to forge closer relations with Buenos Aires and prepare for a normalisation of contacts. He also condemned as "an absurd anomaly the current ban on Argentine passport holders entering the islands. Mr Lloyd's remarks touched raw nerves. Older

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Falklanders, with bitter mem-ories of the 1982 invasion, are determined to have nothing to do with Argentina. They see no reason why anyone holding an Argentine passport should be allowed to land as long as the Menem Government

makes a constitutional claim on the islands' sovereignty. "If someone is coming to steal everything in your house, you don't let him in by the front door" is a common sentiment. Many are nervous, howev-

er, that a future Labour gov-ernment would push harder. than the Conservatives for normalisation. They also recognise that, although Labour has insisted that the islanders' wishes for self-determination are paramount, they do not want this distant dependent territory to be seen as a Tory trophy". Margaret Thatcher's triumphant identification with the Falkland cause makes most people here wary of Labour.

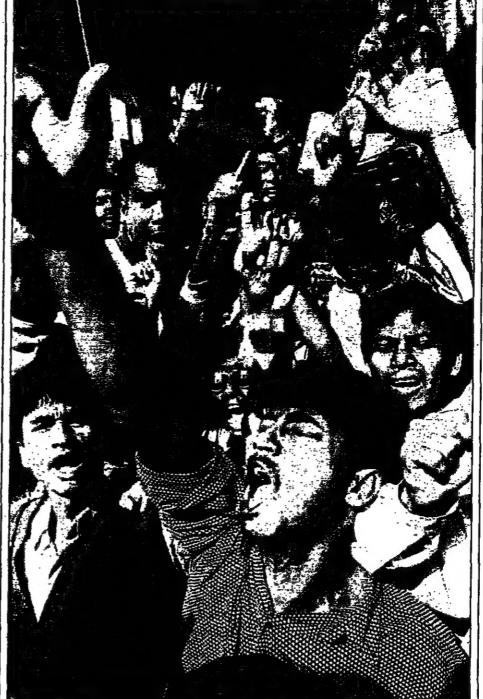
Yesterday, however, the church ceremonies were as robust as ever, touching as always on the other key date here, June 14 or Liberation Day. Volunteers from the Falkland Islands Defence Force drew up a guard of honour around the 1914 War memorial as Richard Ralf, the Governor, in plumes and full ceremonial dress, reasserted Britain's commitment and laid a memorial wreath. The little force of around 90 men and four women has no doubt that it would play a vital role in defending Port Stanley. were there ever to be another

Most islanders, however, see no imminent threat and are comforted by the daily sight of RAF Tornado lets streaking across the bleak moorland on training flights from the base at Mount Pleasant. Commanders of the three British services based there see no immediate danger from Argentina, but say that without 24-hour radar surveillance and constant preparedness, hardline nationalists in Argentina might be tempted once again to mount a military expedition. Falkland

Islanders are more worried by a peaceful civilian expedition of tourists. Already a large number of Argentinians come here trav-elling on other passports. The hardline councillors say that allowing free entry to anyone would create a dangerous precedent and give up the Falklands' only leverage.

There is even a lingering resentment that a second visit here by the close relatives of more than 250 Argentinians buried on a windswept hill near Goose Green is to go shead next month. The families will be kept hidden away in a hotel disused for two years and will not be allowed to stay more than one night.

It's far too early to let them all come back," one islander said. He said many people wanted to see whether the new agreement with Buenos Aires on fishing and oil exploration further normalisation could be contemplated.



Small investors protest outside the stock exchange in Dhaka yesterday over the sudden fall in share prices. They are demanding intervention by the state

Protest closes Dhaka bourse

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN DHAKA

A DEMONSTRATION by roadside traders yesterday outside the Dhaka Stock Exchange forced the suspension of trading for the second consecutive day, officials said.

Trading in the bourse has been suspended because brokers could not turn up due to the continued sit-in demonstration by the traders," an official in Dhaka said.

ters also obstructed stock exchange staff and officials trying to enter the

bourse building in Dhaka's government representatives and roadside market traders Motijheel commercial district. The unauthorised roadside on the bourse council.

market traders began their sit-The composite price index of the bourse closed at 2,618.35 in on Saturday to press their points, down 1.83 per cent or demands to revive the share market to its previous bullish trading. The traders, ag-grieved by a big slide in share prices, blamed brokers for 48.80 points, at the start of the week on Saturday, when trading had to be suspended. Polio drive: Health officimanipulating the market and als vaccinated millions of demanded action. Bangladeshi children yester-

charge in cave art dispute

Forgery

A FRENCH official has been charged with forgery amid accusations of a state-orchestrated plot to defraud potholers who uncovered the world's most speciacular set of prehistoric cave paintings.

Patrice Beghain, 52, was last week accused of falsifying documents in an attempt to demonstrate that the French Government should reap financial benefits from the 30,000-year-old Chauvet cave in the Ardeche region. He denies the charge.

The cave contains the most extensive collection of prehis-toric art yet found, including 600 vivid paintings of mammoths, reindeer, bison, panthers and two rhinoceroses locked in head-to-head combat. With its potential as a multi-million franc tourist attraction. "la grotte Chauvet", 40 miles northwest of Avignon, is at the centre of a legal imbroglio involving the Cul-ture Ministry, the potholers who revealed its existence, and local landowners.

Observers say it will remain closed for some time as a multitude of cases come before the courts. The principal action was brought against the French state by Jean-Marie Chauvet, the man who stumbled upon the cavern while potholing with friends on Christmas Eve in 1994.

A national archaeological service employee, M Chauvet says there are "no words to describe the unimaginable scale of walls completely covered with paintings". He says he should enjoy a share of the benefits from the sale of photographs and, possibly, future tourist revenue.

The Culture Ministry disagrees, saying he should get nothing because he works for the state, which was thus responsible for the discovery and its financial spin-offs. M Béghain, head of the regional directorate of cultural affairs, produced a document to show that M Chauvet had been on a government mission at the time of his find.

But last week, the Lyonsbased investigating judge, Gilbert Emery, charged the of-They also demanded transparency in stock exchange out polio by inoculating a total trading and the inclusion of 20 million children. (Reuter) | M Chauver's claims of a plot. | phones to counter its problems as a mountainous country, a newspaper reported. (AFP)

African delegation wins truce

Bangui: Rebel soldiers and forces loyal to the Central African Republic's President, Ange-Felix Patasse, have agreed to a two-week truce and to allow time for the introduction of a ten-point peace plan, a delegation of African leaders said here.

Under the truce, which takes immediate effect, the sides retain their weapons and will remain in the positions they now hold, pending the application of the peace plan. lie's ruling MLPC party say

Sources close to the repubabout 100 people have died since the unrest began on November 15. The mutineers wanted the resignation of President Patasse, whom they accuse of high treason. (AFP)

5.000 arrested

Delhi: More than 5,000 people were detained after protests as Jayaram Jayalalitha, 48, the former Chief Minister of Tarail Nadu state, was arrested in Madras on a corruption charge. (Reuter)

Memorial call

Berlin: Gays here have called for a memorial to mark the Nazis' attempt to wipe out homosexuals. Estimates put the number of "pink triangle" victim at between 10,000 and 15,000. (Reuter)

Ministers quit

Kathmandu: The Government of Sher Bahadur Deuba, Nepal's Prime Minister, appeared in jeopardy after seven ministers resigned and opposition Communists demanded a no-confidence vote. (Reuter)

Athlete deported

Jerusalem: Vlachislav Ivanovski, a weightlifter on the Israeli Olympic team who is from Siberia, is being deported for fraudulently obtaining citizenship by paying an Israeli woman to marry him. (AP)

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Clinton claims fall of two million in people on welfare

hailed and claimed credit for a fall of 2.1 million in the number of people receiving welfare since he took office four years ago, in a move which will reignite controversy over welfare reforms.

This is the biggest drop in the welfare rolls in history." he said on Saturday in his weekly radio address. The figures also showed that nearly three quarters of a million people have stopped receiving welfare income-related benefits paid by federal or state government in the past seven months.

The figures come as the White House prepares to battle with the Republicanbacked Congress over the welfare reform Bill which Mr Clinton signed in September. having vetoed it twice. Critics of the new laws, which remove benefits from people who do not seek work, say they are too harsh on the poorest members

of society. However, Republicans and Democrats, both committed to trying to balance the government budget, are seeking ways to cut spending on federal entitlements. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, gave a warning on Friday that prompt

'Corporate wife' in \$49m divorce case

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE "corporate wife" of a General Electric executive is seeking half of his estimated \$98 million (£60 million) fortune in a divorce case, arguing that she put as much work into his career as he did.

Lorna Wendt, 53, says that during the couple's 31-year marriage she performed such dinner parties and organising trips abroad, offering advice on job applicants and socialising with VIPs, giving tips on shopping to the wives of employees, and even babysitting their children.

Describing herself as "the ultimate hostess", Mrs Wendt told a court in Connecticut: "I took my job very seriously." Gary Wendt, 54, is the head

of GE's Capital Services unit and has been mentioned as a possible successor to Jack Welch as head of the whole GE empire. Claiming that he is only worth \$52 million, he has offered his wife \$8 million. plus \$250,000 a year.

"I know what Lorna's needs are, and I want her to be able to live very, very comfortably after we're divorced, and I think that's the kind of number that should allow her to do that," he said in a deposition obtained by The Wall Street

Journal. Experts say Mrs Wendt has an unusually strong case which could mark a breakthrough for the wives of the super-rich, who are usually awarded far less than half the estate under an unofficial doctrine that "enough is enough".

When Mr Wendt graduated Harvard Business School, the dean gave Mrs Wendt and other business school wives a PHT degree. for "Put Hubby Through" — a certificate she has now introduced as evidence in the divorce case.

Mrs Wendt says the question is not how much money she needs from her husband, but how much she deserves as the social security system from

bankruptcy. Mr Greenspan, who headed a 1983 commission which temporarily rescued social security from imminent collapse. said that the approaching retirement of the "baby boomers" would worsen the problem. Whatever was done should be done soon to

minimise the cost, he argued

in a speech in Philadelphia. It also emerged yesterday that a federal advisory panel studying the looming prob-lems in funding social security is sharply split in its conclusions after two years of study. Seven of the 13 members recommend replacing part of social security with compul-sory private savings. Other members argue that investing social security funds in the stock market, rather than government bonds, would

albeit at higher risk, to make up the predicted shortfall. Although Mr Clinton vigorously criticised the Bill in its passage, he attributes the fall in welfare recipients to the policy at the heart of the new law: allowing states to step outside the federal framework of benefits to experiment with

earn enough extra money.

their own schemes. That policy, put in place in advance of the Bill in a handful of states, has led to sharp falls in the numbers claiming welfare. Mr Clinton. who pledged when elected in 1992 to "end welfare as we know it", welcomed the 41 per cent drop in Wisconsin welfare rolls and 38 per cent in Indiana rolls.

However, the greater test of the new legislation will be whether people who have been forced off the welfare rolls can find jobs. Mr Clinton said: This is just the beginning of reform. Now we have to create a million jobs by giving businesses incentives to hire people off welfare."

Baby boomers' bill, page 46



Fidel Castro and his brother, Raul, centre, standing side-by-side to greet the public during an act of commemoration marking the hundredth anniversary of the death, during Cuba's war of independence from Spain, of General Antonio Maceo (David Adams writes in Miami). On the platform with the brothers is

ber of the ruling Council of State. Raul Castro, Cuba's Vice-President and Defence Minister, took the opportunity to pledge to carry communism into

Comandante Juan Almeida, left, a mem-

Castro promise of Communist future

the 21st century. He told those at the ceremony: "In the 21st century the destiny of the country will be in the hands of men and women who are as firm as us, as patriotic, as anti-imperialist, as Communist and as united as us."

Although the speeches focused on the Castros' traditional enemy — Washing-

ton - the anniversary of the general's death in Cacahual, near Havana. was also a reminder of Cuba's resistance to European meddling in its affairs.

Last week the European Union ap-

proved a policy on Cuba, demanding greater respect for human rights and democratic reforms as a condition for European economic co-operation.

Last month Cuba withdrew its approval for Spain's new Ambassador, José Coderch, in protest against what it called

Internet user on sex charge

By JAMES BONE

AN IVY LEAGUE scientist from a well-connected New York family has been charged with torturing and sexually assaulting a student he had met on the Internet.

Police say Oliver Jovanovic, 30, a doctoral candidate at Columbia University, tied up and gagged his victim before burning her with hot candle wax during a 20-hour ordeal. Mr Jovanovic also allegedly bit the woman's breasts while showing her pictures of muti-

At his flat in Upper Manhattan, police found reading material about the cannibalkiller Jeffrey Dahmer and books with pictures of corpses and hermaphrodites. His computer was also seized as evidence, despite Mr Jovanovic's protest that he was soon due to defend his PhD.

He met his alleged victim, a 20-year-old philosophy student, in a computer room" last month. The two arranged to meet for a dinnerdate. Afterwards she agreed to watch videos in his flat where the alleged attack then took

place. His lawyer says Mr Jovanovic is not guilty of aggravated sexual assault, a charge carrying a maximum

Japanese Princess laments media 'distortion'

a train or a car and that I

rarely appear in public." Prin-

cess Masako said, in an ap-

parent reference to a US

newspaper report. "Is it really

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S Crown Princess Masako has hit back at the foreign and domestic media for what she called a distorted portrayal of her life behind the walls of the palace, but admitted she had found it hard to conform.

"As a whole, they tend to emphasise one aspect or one theme, so much so that there seem to be cases in which they cite examples lacking truth and draw extreme conclusions," she said in an interview with the Japanese press

The interview, the first to be given on her own by the wife of Crown Prince Naruhito

since their marriage three years ago, was conducted on Friday for release on her 33rd birthday today.

For Princess Masako, it has been a year of great media attention focusing on public disappointment with her somewhat reclusive lifestyle and on whether she will produce an heir to the Chrysanthemum Throne. When she first got married

many thought she would become a new role model for Japanese women, breaking the traditional conservative mould. But she rapidly fell in with palace protocol.

In the interview she admit-

ted she had found it hard to so? Isn't it a little too exaggerated?"
The Princess also turned on conform. "I struggle at times in harmonising or striking a balance between the tradition-

Japanese weekly magazines, which feature celebrity gossip. al way of a Crown Princess and the way I feel," she said. and particularly royal affairs. "I often see them pursue The Princess, who served at the Foreign Ministry after arguments ... centring on unfounded speculation about being educated at three top universities - Harvard, Tothe Imperial Family, the Impkyo and Oxford - gave only erial Household Agency and one example of the type of myself and carry sensational headlines. she said. media coverage she disliked. There was a story which said that I am seen only when I ride

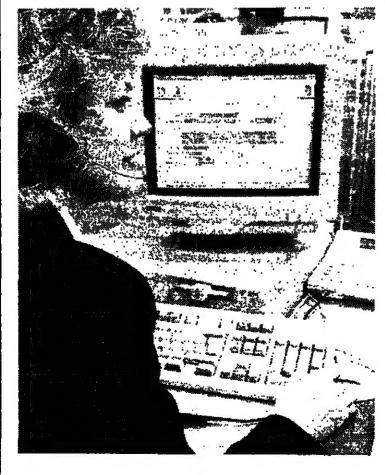
With unusual candour Prince Akishino, the second son of Emperor Akihito, denied ten days ago reports that his frequent trips to Thailand



Masako: has fallen in with palace protocol

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Starving Kabul sells bones of the dead to survive

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Thre were animal bones and humarbones. People here are so desperate tey are selling their dead on the stress of Kabul.

Taks, Uzbeks, Pashtuns, Hazaras, the escendants of Alexander's army and utila's Mongol hordes, jostle one anoter in the bazaars and street stalls sellig everything from the most ornate Person carpets down to the most useks into and down to the most useks into and down to the most

uselss junk and mere crusts of bread.

Itwas several days before I noticed the iles of bones in the market stalls. Thee seemed to be more each day, and lateone afternoon I stopped to ask a staholder what they were for. "Oh, they are brought by merchants here am sold on in bulk to Pakistan," he reped. There they are used to make soa, cooking oil and chicken feed.

Iasked how much the bones were woh. Then, in a moment of intuition, I asked how much for human bones.
"The same price," he said, nonplussed, "thy are offer series to cost."

"thy are often easier to get."

here was no humour in his eyes and he turned away, bored with the corersation. But his words left an echo tha stripped away the superficial exocism of the bazaars and revealed the overty of the world beneath.

Te average skeleton of a dead adult mal Afghan weighs about 13fb, which maks it worth up to 7,000 afghanis in the azaara, or just over half a US dollr. It is good money in Kabul.

Ination has been running at more than 100 per cent since January, with no itrease in wages, and the capital's aimst non-existent economy was damaged further by Taleban's decree baning women from working.

Pres, which initially dropped after Talean's takeover of the city, have rises to their original levels as the resu of Pakistani and Taleban taxes on pods entering the country. A 14lb bag flour costs about 32,000 afgham's andnost Kabul families have at least six nouths to feed. The residents of Kabl face their worst winter ever, here the trade in human bones.

"lused to dig for scrap iron, but the Talban forbade it being exported to Palatan when they captured Kabul," say Paizdeen, in the Ashaqan Arefan grasyard in the west of the city. "So rould dig for bears."

novl dig for bones."

It is 14 years old, dressed in torn, dirt clothes, and malnutrition has traced the skin on the sides of his face antiprematurely withered his hands. Heas a tatty cotton bag in his hands, with he opens proudly for examination A tibia sticks out of the opening. Berath it lies a jumble of smaller bons, all himan, all taken from the gravyard. He is typical of the city's

Anthony Loyd in Kabul reports from a ruined and impoverished city where children have become family breadwinners by robbing graves, not for jewellery but for bones that are exported to Pakistan

street urchins. More than 28,000 were employed in some form of labour at the last count and the number is rising. By robbing graves, Faindeen earns twice as much as a civil servant.

One of a family of eight, his parents are without work. Two months ago a group of his friends took him graverobbing. They sold the bones to one of the boneyards that have sprung up behind the blue mosque. Faizden returned home and asked his father, in the tradition of deference in Afghan families, for permission to start selling bones full time. His father thought for a while, then acquiesced.

"It's good business," Faizdeen says.
"There is no other work, the scrap iron trade has finished and we need the money for food. Though I often pick animal bones, human ones are easier to find here. The money is the same and with it I can support my family."

ix days a week he goes out to the graveyards with his cotton sack and stick and starts scratching the bones from the earth. It is not difficult, though he prefers to pick a time when the graveyards are deserted as, though the business of digging is

now monopolised by children, sometimes elderly men chase the diggers away. On a good day he collects up to 28lb of bones.

The Ashaqan Arefan cemetery, spilling down from rocky, bare earth slopes and named after one of two Afghan brothers who were "martyred" fighting the British in 1919, was a front line between forces loyal to the Government and those of General Dostum for almost a year. Shellfire broke open many of the caskets, exhumed bodies from the simpler graves, and scattered bones across the hillside.

Soil erosion and the work of the graverobbers has uncovered many more. For these reasons it is a good place to dig, though other favoured cemeteries include the city's largest, the Shohada Soleheen ("place of pure martyrs") beneath the Bala Hissar fortress in the south of Kabul, and the ancient Dashtbarchi ("Desert of Barchi") site in the west of the capital.

Attitudes to the trade vary. Though they are a proud people and the business is obviously haram, forbidden by their faith, the 17-year war, of which there is still no end in sight, has undermined many of the society's

what can we do? It's work and money and our only thoughts are for food."

For the sake of subtlety the graverobbers smash the skulls they find with rocks, sometimes burning the jawbones to disguise their telling shape.

moral constraints. "I don't stop my children from working the graves,"

remarked Qadagha, the father of two

bone-trading sons. "It is not good but

hough Taleban's strict imposition of Sharia (religious) law has enforced a degree of discipline, ironically it is their presence that has allowed the human bone trade to begin.

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"The last Government banned the bone trade," says Nowsher, the owner of a large boneyard in Morad Kham by the blue mosque. "The biggest trade in their times was iron. Then the Taleban came and since [Benazir] Bhutto fell in Pakistan they banned the export of iron there, and few traders here risk buying it off the children any more. So the bone trade has taken off.

"Dogs, crows, people, the lot. When the Taleban asked about it, we said we dealt in animal bones to be used for chicken feed. If they knew different they would close it down. But they fell for it, and left us alone.

"The money is excellent. You can buy a kilo here for up to two 'kaldars' (one kaldar is about 510 afghan rupees, a term like 'a guinea'), and sell it in Pakistan for 15 kaldars."

Piles of broken bones from dogs, cows, horses, donkeys and humans lie around him, grey in the sunlight like shingle on the beach, one particular pile topped coquettishly by a human pelvis. Nowsher opened his yard a month ago, buying bones from the collectors (usually teenage "fences" that buy of them to Lahore on the back of lorries.

Nothing can mask Afghanistan's grim reality, neither the beauty of the carpets, the magnificence of the mountains, nor the sweep of the Afghan skies. The war whirled around this city for years, then swept into it, then left it behind, a ruin. Pakistan, the current exporter of so much misery to Afghanistan, via its supply of military hardware to Taleban, has ironically become the importer of dead Afghans for use as chicken feed and cooking oil.

"You see what we have come to," whispered an Afghan teacher beside me as I watched some children selling bones to a trader, who weighed them on a set of large scales. "No work, no food, no hope. A generation with no education that has known only war. This is what it has come to: human remains sold as animal bones. Look at our miserable lives; even the rich of this place stop in the street and beg for



The human and animal bones these children collect are sold to Pakistan where they are processed into soap, cooking oil and chicken feed

Children at one of Kabul's military cemeteries scavenge for bones among the victims of Afghanistan's 17-year war

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Security Council to vet African rivals for 'job from hell'

By WILLIAM SHAWCROSS

THERE are now four African candidates named by their Cape Town: various countries to succeed Boutros Boutros Ghali as Secretary-General of the United Nations. They are Amara Essy, the Ivory Coast Foreign Minister:

Hamid Algabid, the former secretary-general of the Islamic Conference; Ahmedou Ould heid struggle. (Reuter) Abdallah, of Mauretania, a former UN envoy in Burundi, and Kofi Annan of Ghana, now head of the UN's peacekeeping department. Other African names may

yet emerge. It is likely that a first informal straw poll will be taken in the Security Couneil today. A decision on the next leader of the organisation needs to be taken before the delegates return home on De-

Whoever wins will have a job from hell. The UN suffers from a huge financial crisis, a crisis in perceptions around the world, and a crisis of morale within the organ-

The new Secretary-General must effect a reconciliation with the United States, where the UN is broadly distrusted, and which owes it a fortune. He or she must also reconcile Third World countries to rootand-branch reforms and cuts.

Of the four named so far, only Mr Annan has a proven track record of broad international administrative experience. He is an international manager, not a politician. He is a "known quantity" to most states, and speaks French fluently, which is vital to Paris. He has direct experience of managing the human re-sources of the UN.

difficult position of being the front-runner. If he is overtaken in the last furlong it will be by politics, not by anyone more qualified for the job.

Mr Annan, 58, has worked for more than three decades in the UN system, held senior

President Mandela said yesterday that President Chirac would veto Salim Salim of Tanzania as United Nations Secretary-General because he was not fluent in French. Mr Mandela said South Africa had nominated him partly because of his support for the anti-apart-

positions in almost all of the UN's most difficult departments - finance, personnel, peacekeeping — and yet has come out of each of them with an enhanced reputation.

Since 1962, he has worked for the UN, for the High Commissioner of Refugees and the World Health Organisation, in Geneva, Addis Ababa, Cairo and Ismalia. At the UNHCR he was director of budget, deputy director of administration and head of personnel at a time when the agency was expanding fast to cope with the huge numbers of

igees worldwide. When he came to peacekeeping, Annan was seen as an economist and financial manager. After the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait he was sent by

Annan: has a proven

optimism. Mr Annan recognised that the nature of peacekeeping had changed. The UN was no longer keeping armies apart but dealing with "myriad paramilitary groups, militias and uncontrolled elements" which disregard whatever their nominal leaders may

However, he upset African ambassadors in 1994 when he told Le Monde that it was difficult to recruit African troops for peacekeeping missions because their govern-ments "probably need their armies to intimidate their own

the Secretary-General to Iraq

to help with the repatriation of

900 international staff. He

also became engaged in the humanitarian crisis and in

particular the plight of

500,000 Asians stranded in

In 1991 he proposed modest extension of the Uni-

ted Nations' peacekeeping role" to Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the then Secretary-

General, who thought it

would seem an infringement

of national sovereignty. Two

years later there were thou-

sands of lightly-armed UN

soldiers doing just that in both

Bosnia-Herzegovina and

peacekeeping department in March 1993, he said "we all

had higher hopes for peace-keeping. The Cold War was over. The new consensus in

the Security Council permitted

agreement on operations that

As a result peacekeeping

expanded as never before.

There were at one time 18 different operations around

the world, deploying 70,000 troops. They were all managed out of Mr Annan's office

in New York. Much was

achieved in many of those

operations, but the very public

agonies of Somalia, Bosnia,

Rwanda all helped to destroy

Kuwait and Iraq.



An Accra voter holds her registration card in her mouth as she casts her ballot in the presidential election

Opposition make gairs in Ghana

Accra: Early results in the Ghanian elections sugest that the main opposition lev Patriotic Party has rade significant gains, especilly in its Ashanti strongholdind in the towns (Michael Pato-Duschinsky writes). Hoever, it will probably fa to deny Jerry Rawlings, tho has ruled since a 1981 milary coup, an outright victor in the presidential poll.

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If the sitting President als o win at least 50 per ceriof the vote there will be a runff election in three weeks' tile. The opposition parties, ad particularly the NPP, is the seats and will form an impr public life. Turnout through-

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FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AMBITIOUS plans to turn the birthplace of Sigmund Freud, the Austrian psychiatrist who uncovered the central role of sexuality in human nature, into a museum have been thwarted. The owner has turned the building - in the Czech Republic - into a massage parlour.
"I think Freud would have

regarded the house's current usage with some amusement," Shmuel Erlich, the Sigmund Freud professor of psychoanalysis at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, told The Jerusalem Post, which re-vealed the historical irony under the front-page headline "Freud's birthplace offers another kind of therapy".

According to the paper, the owner, Josef Matula, is block-

council in Pribor, northeastern Moravia, to create the museum. Pribor was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at the time of the psychoanalyst's birth in 1856.

We want to restore the building to what it looked like when the Freuds lived there," said Jan Monsport, the Depu-

Since the collapse of communism, thousands of dubious "massage parlours" --most of which are, in fact, brothels - have sprung up all over the Czech Republic.

There are already museums devoted to Freud in Vienna, where he spent most of his life. and in his former house in London, where he fled with his family in 1938 after the Nazi takeover of Austria and later

Freud's birthplace | Koreans make long march to freedom across China

By Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong and Our Foreign Staff

fled to Hong Kong in Novem-

ber, said his department con-

ducted activities aimed at

disrupting South Korean intel-

ligence work in China.

TWO more North Korean defectors have arrived in Hong Kong after walking 2,000 miles through China. bringing the total reported to 19 over the past week.

Yu Bong Nam and Chon Hak Chol were identified by Yonhap, the South Korean news agency, as a security and an intelligence agent respecan intelligence agent respec-tively. Mr Yu spied on students from North Korea while

stationed in Peking. In a newspaper interview Mr Chon described himself as an agent of the ruling Communist Party's international department for overseas intelligence activities, and gave details of the intelligence war North and South Korea are waging on Chinese soil.

My department was engaged in kidnapping South Korean visitors, disrupting the business of Southern entrepreneurs or intimidating their agents. he said: Mr Chon said he decided to

Seoul: South Korea will launch an Internet page to counter a planned offensive. by North Korea through the worldwide web. "UniKorea wili carry infortion and North Korea," a National Unification

Board official said. (AFP)

seek asylum in the Suth Korean official who had one missing in China.

Last Thursday 17 Nrth Koreans from a single failly were reported to have arried in Hong Kong after the sme cross-China trip. They fill probably fly to Seoul toky. According to Yonhap, 35 North Koreans have fletto Hong Kong since 1993, Exept for the 19 now here, all the curried on to South Korea

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Britain gains enarmously from membership of the European Union. The future shape and policies of the EU are vital to us as a country. Building institutions which promote prosperity and peace is the urgent challenge of the intergovernmental Conference (IGC) now under way. We must approach that challenge with challenge

At present, the official British attitude to the IGC is too cautious and dogmatic. The Government seems immobilised by tears of what Douglas Hurd once called "shadows on the wall". We are in danger of painting ourselves into a corner and achieving very little, for Britain and for Europe as a whole.

That is why the European Movement – an all-party group which compaigns for a strong Britain in a strong Europe - today sets out the basic principles which should guide Britain in its approach to the IGC. We have seet them to the Prime Minister and we urge him to follow them. Committed to Britain successfully finding its place at the heart of Europe, we the undersigned believe that:

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the European Union, which constitutes the best available means to advance British power and influence in

 the Government's advocacy of a "multi-speed Europe" which has now led to Franco-German proposals to establish an inner-core, from which we would in effect exclude ourselves, places Britain's participation at the heart of Europe under serious

 the British Government should work constructively with our partners within the EU to ensure an agreed outcome to the IGC, rather than assume that a veto is a credible or cost-free option: the Government risks boxing itself into a non-nego-

tiable position in the current IGC. The UK can unly secure its negotiating objectives by approaching this discussion with room for manoeuvre; onder no circumstances should the Government rule out participation in a single European currency,

 the Government should accept limited extensions of qualified majority voting in any field where it might serve British interests – α principle accepted by the Foreign Secretary in February - provided it is matched. by a reweighting of votes in the Council of Ministers to better reflect population;

We believe that this or any future British government should negotiate in the current IGC with a view to mobilising the widest cross-party coalition of support in the House of Commons.

for any deal, rather than hoping to rely on a majority from any one party, as during ratification of the Maastricht Treaty. A new treaty package negotiated along the lines set out in this declaration could and would command a large majority in the House of Commons, and should be a priority for this and any future British government.

 British must take a committed, positive approach to
 unanimity should continue to be the rule in at least treaty reform, enlargement, tax harmonisation, own resources, and aspects of foreign policy and justice and home affairs - a position broadly accepted by most

other EU states: the Government's advocacy of the creation of a Secretary General and central planning unit for CFSP (Comman Foreign and Security Policy) - as well as of WEU (Western European Union) summits, to be held back-to-back with European Councils - should

 the Government should resist the temptation to attack or dismember the European Court of Justice, whose continued authority is essential to the operation of the Single Market and to the guarantee of citizens rights established in EU low.

• the renewed emphasis by the British and French governments on the closer involvement of national parliaments in EU decision-making is a positive devel-

opment which needs to be given substance: the twenty or more different methods of involving the European Parliament in legislation at the moment urgently need to be rationalised and reduced, so that the EP can play an improved role in decision-making;

· a much greater degree of openness is needed in European decision-making generally, particularly in the Council of Ministers.

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EU's unexploded bombs leave Major dreading Dublin hen he first began summitteering in Europe six years ago this month, John Major looked forward to EU meetings. He was popular with his opposite numbers because he wasn't Margaret Thatcher, his handful of Euro-sceptic

MPs were just epic bores with no political future, and his calm, dogged negotiating style worked well. Nowadays fear and loath-ing lurk behind the Prime Minister's performance. He dreads the summits that can spell nothing but trouble inside his party and Cabinet.

Whitehall sherpas who cho-



reograph those like the one in Dublin next weekend have become bomb disposal experts, trained to defuse whatever might later explode at ster. Despite the fuss

Chirac say in Nuremberg today, the Government's fragility will protect Mr Major at Dublin. The EU club runs on an unwritten rule that it never does anything to topple a member Government.

For Downing Street, a defined as one at which only minor things go wrong. At-tempts to make things go "our way" in the EU have stopped. The Whitehall machinery still grinds on to produce a position for the relevant minister on cornflake consistency. But on big permission. The idea. in the

generated by anything that EU issues, the Government is wind for years, went down on Helmut Kohl and President brain-dead. wind for years, went down on paper last month. Its poten-The paralysis extends far

beyond the single currency. Policy choices, laid out by Whitehall officials, sit idle in the system, stuck either by the deadlock inside the Cabinet or by the fear of provoking rebellion in the Commons. good" EU encounter is now Take EU "flexibility". The conference revising the Maastricht treaty is tiptoeing gingerly round this opaquely titled item, which boils down to a Franco-German plan to alist countries without needing the rest of the Union's

paper last month. Its potential to reshape the EU is vast. A British counter-proposal that new cliques in the EU should be "open to all and agreed by all" was worked out about a year ago. Some

officials believed ministers

would be advised to put ideas on the table before Paris and

Bonn set the agenda.

ut the paperwork ground to a halt once it reached Cabinet ministers. Some thought Brit-Others saw advantages, or spotted snags. The Cabinet's

met before the summer and again last month and made no real decision. The whole Cabinet chewed the idea for the first time three weeks ago and didn't decide much. So far the only statement of policy has been a fleeting mention of Britain's approach in a Malcolm Rifkind speech.

This reluctance to engage in any kind of European discussion spreads beyond Conservative ministers. Have Labour's policy wonks been worrying about flexibility in case they face a negotiating crisis over "Maastricht II" in their first few weeks in govTheir last published words on the subject go back to September 1995 and indicate a vague dislike for the idea.

Putting off until tomor-row what might be better done today is a habit. The recent fracas over the parliamentary scrutiny of the EU laws on the single currency blew up because government whips want to avoid any kind of Commons vote over Europe at all costs. There will be a debate this

week, but no vote, The Commons vote can be delayed on the technicality - thanks to German insistence that they be treated as a package - may not formally be made EU law until next

Yet last week European finance ministers agreed on the rules regarding the euro's legal status; the text awaits only a rubber stamp to make it law. There is no reason for MPs not to vote on it, other than that the Government does not want such a thing to occur. This kind of chicanery is legal, but that does not make it honest.

GEORGE BROCK

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FROM JOHN CARR

THE threat of food shortages loomed over Athens and other large cities as a farmers' blockade of Greece's main roads entered its second week.

Thousands of tractors have paralysed transport at more than 30 road and rail junetions around the country as farmers demand higher prices for their produce and a recheduling of the equivalent of Farmers have vowed to keep the roads blocked until the Government caves in.

Costas Simitis, the Socialist Prime Minister, is adamant that his Government cannot spare any funds from the 1997 austerity budget to ease the: farmers' income squeeze. He has called their demands "excessive" and refuses to ne ate unless the farmers halt what he calls their "blackmail

Kohl and Chirac try to paper over cracks in run-up to summit

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY and France will today draw a diaphanous veil over their many binerly fought differences and launch a joint initiative intended to ginger up the European Union before next week's Dublin summit.

The broad contours of an open letter, to be issued after talks in Nuremberg between President Chirac and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. started to emerge last night. According to diplomats, the two leaders will call for a stability council to co-ordinate economic policies on growth to complement the goals of monetary discipline. The name is a useful one

from the fact that France and Germany are still failing to agree on the future shape of the stability pact, the agree-ment which will keep members of economic and monetary union (EMU) in. harness even after the start-up date. Officials say terms of the pact are 98 per cent agreed, but plainly the remaining 2 per cent is causing so much trouble that; a deal seems

since it distracts attention

unlikely before the summit. The Kohl-Chirac letter will tocus on the need for a more closely integrated European foreign and defence policy, and two headline-grabbing

aspects have been worked out by diplomatic sherpas who prepare such summits. The first concerns the development of a European armaments agency. There has been ten-sion for many months be-tween France and Germany as Bonn strives to cut back its defence spending and France, without consultation.

military reform.

Co-operating on defence projects, from the Tiger helicopter to the FLA (future large aircraft) transporter, is a useful signal not only that Paris and Bonn are again on the same track in military affairs but also an indicator that they are sensitive to the needs of other EU states. Britain, for example, is interested in participating in the FLA and in being an active member of the

Bonn: Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said yesterday that Nato should offer Russia a seat on body for European security, with equal rights to Nato and Germany ered by albance. The committee would consider issues such as

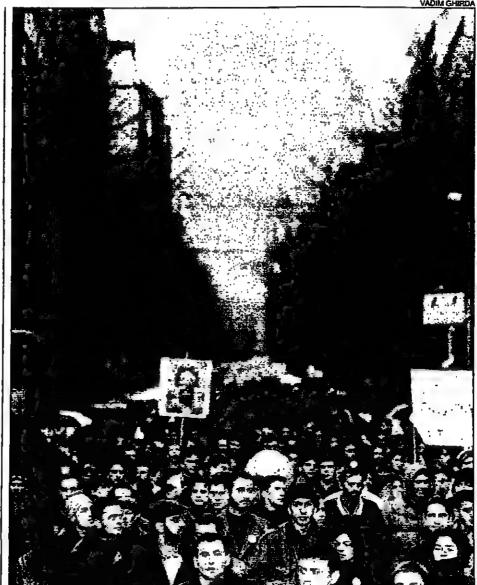
European desence agency. It was unclear last night, however, whether the Helios 2 Franco-German spy satellite

would emerge unscathed. The French are keen to develop a European high-tech intelligence-gathering satellite to scan crisis zones. The German Defence Ministry is happy to obtain this information from America and would prefer to save the money. Herr Kohl, however, has personally promised M Chirac that Helios wili go ahead.

The second element of the letter-reflects long, wearisome negotiation at the level of foreign ministers. The French want a high-profile figure to represent European foreign policy, a "Mr Europe" who can stand up and speak strongly (preferably in French) to the US Secretary of State. The Germans are less than enthusiastic about the idea. A compromise has been reached between "Mr Europe" and the minimalist German version,

dubbed "Mr Nobody". The letter will also put forward ideas for co-operating more closely in fighting organised crime, drug smug-gling and terrorism. This has become a hot issue again sind the Paris bomb last week.

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Opposition demonstrators march through the streets of Beigrade yesterday

Unions in threat to **Milosevic**

By MICHAEL DYNES

SERBIAN opposition parties braced themselves for a renewed government clampdown yesterday after the supreme court dismissed allegations that President Milosevic had rigged last month's

local elections. Opposition groups vowed to intensify their three-week campaign of mass street demonstrations and trade union leaders threatened to join them. Although individual workers have participated in demonstrations, organised labour has hitherto remained aloof from the protests.

Last night, however, leaders of two independent unions said that they were ready to go on strike if the Government did not reinstate the Opposition's November 17 local elec-

tion victories. Half of Serbia's 1.75 million workers are members of independent trade unions. All have been badly hit by unemployment and low incomes, and most have not received wages for months.

An estimated 150,000 turned out for yesterday's protests, including 10,000 students and teachers.

☐ Kinkel adamant: Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, yesterday insisted that the Bosnian Serb authorities must hand over indicted war criminals, in spite of their



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The challenge is thrown down in this month's issue of the Royal Statistical Society's magazine. RSS News, following a call made by the society's president, Adrian Smith, in his presidential address. The journal says

that it simply isn't good enough merely to be told that something is "safe" or otherwise. "People need a simple measure of risk which they can use as a basis for decision-making."

the journal's editorial says.

Coming up with a Richter scale for risk isn't easy. It must provide a comparison between the risks of purely voluntary activities (smoking, rock climbing) and those that are voluntary but unavoidable (travel, eating different foods, coalmining) while also incorporating risks imposed by society (living near a nuclear power station, or passive smoking) and acts of God such as floods or lightning strikes,

RSS News cites approvingly the work of the mathematician John Allen Paulos of Temple University in Pennsylvania. In his book Innumeracy Professor Paulos suggests a simple safety index based on logarithms. If

POLICE in Australia have been warned: the finger-

prints at the scene of a crime could be those of a koala bear. While handling koalas in the Urimbirra Wildlife

Park near Adelaide, Dr

Maciej Henneberg of the University of

Adelaide noticed that their fingers carry the

same kinds of loops, whorls and arches as human fingers. Detailed comparisons with

chimpanzee and human prints showed that

although chimpanzees are man's closest relation, their fingerprints are less like ours

than a koala's are. Nobody else seems to have noticed this, Dr Henneberg found

The main interest is evolutionary rather

than forensic. "Marsupials such as the koala

split from the lineage of the primates about

80 million years ago" Dr Henneberg told New Scientist. "So we have two lineages independently developing the same trait."

He believes that lingerprints originally evolved as a device to aid grip when climbing

trees. "Although it's extremely unlikely that

crime, police should at least be aware of the

when he consulted the literature.

Putting the finger

on the koala

UK dies every year in traffic accidents, then the safety index would be the log of 8.000 — that

cigarettes a day would score 23, being struck by lightning 63, playing Russian roulette once a year 0.8, and dying from a bee-sting 6.8. RSS News suggests that anything under three might be deemed dangerous, and anything over six safe. This is a good starting point.

Nigel Hawkes would need to be adjusted for the number of people involved, and for their age — a long-term risk that is unacceptable for a 25-year-old

might well be seen differently by those over the age of 70 — and it should make allowance for disease and disability as well as death. One drawback is that dangerous activities

score low, and safe ones high, the opposite of the Richter scale. It is a safety rather than a risk index. Professor Paulos's answer to that was simply to subtract his safety index from 10 to produce a rising scale of risk, the more dangerous activities scoring higher. But the RSS News doesn't find that very appealing. pointing out that very low risk activities might come out as negative numbers.

Anybody with a better idea should send it to the editor of RSS News, Frank Duckworth, at 12 Errol St. London ECIY 8LX fe-mail rssnews@rss.org.uk). Immortality could await the successful inventor: think of Beaufort and Richter.

> PEOPLE with unhappy marriages or who are at logger-heads with their boss are

> more likely to catch colds, a study in Pittsburgh has

shown. Sheldon Cohen of

Carnegie Mellon University

exposed 276 adults to a cold virus, then kept

them isolated for five days to see which of

His team reported to a conference in Bethesda, Maryland, last month that the most vulnerable were those with long-term

conflicts, either at home or in the office. A

single row with a spouse or a bad day at work were not significant; but "enduring social conflicts" did increase the risk. The

results confirm earlier work done in Britain

showing that the more stressed invidividuals

are, the more likely they are to catch colds.

Worse still is social isolation. In the
Pittsburgh study, people with few contacts
either at home, at work, or in sporting or

social clubs were four times more likely to

become ill than those with six or more types

of social contact. This result is in line with

of friends and contacts live longer than those

When passion

turns cold

them succumbed.

koala prints would be found at the scene of a past research showing that people with lots



The starting hypothesis for the Pitman and Ryan flood theory came from the Bible story of Noah, which many scientists would think outrageous

Proving Noah's Flood

Dr Pitman and Dr Ryan

already been published. They

Ryan could not believe his eyes: "I

rushed the letter out to Walter and

we read it again

and again. We

r Pitman contacted

friends in Turkey,

who furnished him

with data showing

expedition. Dr Dimitrov esti-

mated that the water level had

risen by 60 metres. The puzzle

was beginning to look

a groove or channel, between 80 and 100 metres deep, lead-

ing from the Bosphorus into the Black Sea. This would be

consistent with a fast rush of

It was not until 1993, how-

ever, that Dr Ryan and Dr Pitman could fulfil their ambi-

tion of checking out the Black

Sea for themselves. They were invited to join a Russian

scientific expedition aboard

the Aquanaut, which was to

monitor radioactivity levels in

the sea after the Chernobyl

think they would stumble

upon such perfect evidence for their argument. A seismic

profile of the seabed revealed a

Never in their wildest dreams did the two scientists

"... I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the

t started off as a joke. Dr William Ryan and Dr Walter Pitman, two American geologists, were working alongside Dr John Dewey, a British contemporary, in 1971. The three had been discussing the sudden flooding of the Mediterranean five million years ago. Dr Dewey, now Professor of

Anjana Ahuja reports on the two American geologists who believe they have convincing evidence that the biblical flood did take place

Earth Science at Oxford University, said: "I wonder if it was anything like Noah's Flood?" Twenty-five years later, Dr Pitman and Dr Ryan, now distinguished authorities on marine geology at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, New York, think they have found evidence that the biblical flood did take place.

speculated that the flood uprooted thousands, triggering a human exodus from the Mid-dle East into Europe many thousands of years ago. Their claims have been met with disbelief, but the geological evidence they have pieced together, which is presented in a Horizon documentary next week, is compelling.

Their reasoning starts with the fact that the dramatic biblical story of the Flood, which God visited upon the Earth as punishment for the sins of mankind, has echoes elsewhere. The Epic of Gilgamesh, a Babylonian poem written in the third millennium BC, also features a great flood: "Like a battleforce, the destructive flood weapon passed over the people. No man could see his fellow, nor could people be distinguished from the sky. Even the gods were alraid of the

flood weapon, ities between that found the and Noah's Flood The fact that .. perfect two different accandidate counts appeared in legend led us to wonder if there — the

really was a flood," Black Sea Dr Ryan says. "If, as the descriptions suggested. caused whole communities to were thrilled." move, then it was likely that From examining shells he had found on a deep sea the story of the Flood would be

In their spare time, the two scientists began to ponder this fresh challenge. A torrent of biblical proportions required precise geological conditions a narrow channel through which water could gush once some critical stage was reached. They speculated that the end of an Ice Age would lend sea levels to rise dramatically, and concluded that the most likely site for a catastrop-

hic flow would be a bottle-

passed down to future

generations."

shaped basin connected to the oczan via a narrow neck. They found the perfect candidate - the Black Sea. Connected to the Mediterranean by an almost perfect bottleneck, the Bosphorus, there was no question that the Black Sea had been isolated from the Mediterranean during the last ice Age.

There was one problem. The Black Sea was of strategic importance to the Russians, and was patrolled by the Russian Navy. Instead of colonly have been achieved if the sediment was laid down in one sweep, rather than

Sediment cores, or samples, showed a sudden change beiween dry, weathered mud and soft, mustry mod. The mushy mud contained molluscs from the Mediterranean: these interlopers must have been swept from their home into the Black Sea in a huge torrent of water.

More startling was the evidence lying in the dry, preflood mud — it contained mots of shrubs and vegetation. It seemed as if the Black Sea basin was once a plain, and may even have been inhabit-ed. The Russian crew held a

marine geologists plan to pub-lish their results soon. But is it the real Flood?

Dr Ryan says: "We have flood took place in the Black Sea. The evidence that it is the same one in the Bible and in the Epic of Gilgamesh is circumstantial, and that has led to a friendly dispute be-

twe have come up with was a benchmark for the rapid radiation of people and farming into Europe.

Dr Pitman, though, is unsurprised by the lukewarm reaction from archaeologists: They probably get lunatics coming in with crazy ideas all the time. And our starting hypothesis came from the Bible and an ancient legend, which would be considered outrageous by many scientists. But the experts we have spo-ken to are beginning to realise that this may have been all important event in history." · Horizon: Noah's Flood, Monday

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"Yer on the tothink we were a class act'

With his serious swinging days behind him Playboy founder Hugh Hefner now wants his life to be seen as a metaphor of our times. Interview by Giles Whittell



Heiner and playmate Barbara Benton on his DC9 jet

ugh Heiner, play-boy of the Western world, greets his visitors nowadays not with burny girls but with a talking rock. Welcome to the mansion," a lump of faux-granite intones from the shrubs beside a huge pair of gates not far off Sunset Boulevard. "Please drive up to the forecourt and leave your keys in the car. You will be met."

The gates swing open and you do as you are told. At the top of a steep drive a Hefner factotum emerges as promised from a side door in a mock-Tudor pile that has been the Playboy Mansion since 1971.

From outside the place could pass for a Sussex prep school. Inside, a four-foot painting of a nearly-nude Kimberly Hefner (Hef's second wife) dominates the Great Hail. Through an opulent screening room there is a cosier library; a place of leather armchairs, backgammon boards set in the coffee table and bound volumes of every Playboy ever published.

Here the catalyst of the century's most famous orgies has granted an interview as part of a daring bid to reinvent himself as one who "helped to define the better part of the fast

Hef - no one calls him Mr Heiner — arrives as usual in a crimson smoking jacket and black silk pyjamas. When he did his most serious swinging passing the thousand-lover mark, he says — he was lean, dark and in his fifties. Now he is 70. The hair is grey, the voice a bit gurgly after a stroke II years ago, the rampaging sex consigned to social history.

He perches on a sofa under a portrait of himself as "Hef the First, a Plantagenet lookalike, and another of his voung wives, her breasts this the library's oaken ceiling just as they did in her 1989 Playmate of the Year pictorial. Briskly, he swats aside the idea that he was ever a pornographer.

The Playmates have al-ways been rooted in a tradition of American 'good girl' art, "he says without a trace of irony. The pin-up photography of World War Two - the glamour girls, the movie stars, the Betty Grables: that's the origin of the Playmate centrefolds." To lump him with rivals like Bob Guccione, publisher of the crassly explicit Penthouse, is apparently to miss the whole point of *Playboy*. (Hef, whose magazine publishing peers have just bestowed on him the 1996 International Publishing Award, prefers comparisons with GQ and Esquire.) "It was intended as a lifestyle handbook for the young urban male. All the popular men's magazines before it were macho outdoor magazines. I was looking for something a little more sophisticated and

nd naked. The first issue of Playboy in 1953 featured a famous set of photographs of Marilyn Monroe with nothing on but the radio. It flew off the news stands. For the next 20 years Playboy ruled its niche, but by the early 1970s Penthouse and Hustler had muscled into the market and pundits gleefully declared the outbreak of the "pubic wars".

fought them, and he doggedly parries the attacks of feminists. "There was a moment when I did tell my editors, tenough is enough, I don't want you imitating the imitators. But I like to think Playboy was always a class act." A faraway look passes



over him and he asks if I've seen "the book" — a bumper: batch of Hef's favourite Playmates from four decades of soft lighting and cheesy sets; just published in America in tasteful white hardback.

"Can anyone seriously, in the real world, believe those images are exploitative?" he asks, "Do the women who have become famous thanks to that appearance in the maga-zine view it as exploitation? In most cases you'll find they look back on it as a quite remarkable period in their lives."

Hefner denies he ever Hefrier believes he and his magazine have taught the rest of us that "nice girls like sex too". This certainly is good to know. And with a passionate vive la difference! he dismisses his critics as anti-sex feminists pursuing a fringe political agenda. The notion that

the same and should behave the same and dress the same is nonsense. It's not politically correct to say so, but the sexes are complementary. They are in no manner, shape or form the same and thank God for that. It's what rankes the world go round. That attraction between the sexes is the major civilising force on the planet."

All of which would seem to make the Playboy Mansion the cradle of civilisation. Please, Hef. Say it ain't so. What was the wildest night of your life? He sinks back into the sofa and guffaws. It must be hard, casting back over 30 years as a self-styled symbol of sexual revolution and liberated bachelorhood, to single out one moment of particular excess; harder still considering the first ten were spent in Chicago in a mansion even vaster than the present one, with parties every night and a "harem" of 24 young women

"There was one birthday in the early Eighties when more than a dozen Playmates surprised me in the grotto," he says. That was a very nice evening. I love surprises." The grotto sits behind the mansion under perhaps a hundred tons of designer crag-scape ringed by a swimming pool and refreshed by an artificial waterfall.

for tenants. But he manages.

Isewhere on his five and a half acres Hefner maintains 30 squirrel monkeys, an aviary of parakeets and a cames room with wall-to-wall pinball machines and a foamfloored, mirror-ceiling decorated sex alcove (now used chiefly by Kimberly to watch TV with friends).

But the grotto is the highlight of any tour. If orgies are your thing, this must be a fun place for them. The pool flows into one cave and, over dimlylit shallows, into another. Between them a hot tub bubbles in the style of a mineral spring. Lighting, water jets and something labelled "Your Pleasure" are controlled from a panel near the entrance.

With sex toys like this, Weren't there times when Hef lost his grasp of what was real? On the contrary, he says. Fantasy and reality did blur, but largely in the minds of other people. You don't fly the world in a private jet painted black with a rabbit on the tail, and sleep in a rotating, vibrating round bed, and not know what you're doing — or see the humour in it."

Those were the days. In the late 1960s the Playboy empire stretched from a wildly profitable casino in London to the front line in Vietnam, where the magazine arrived by airdrop. With Playboy selling more than seven million copies a month, Heiner's net worth was put at over \$200 million. So he travelled in the world's biggest executive jet, a

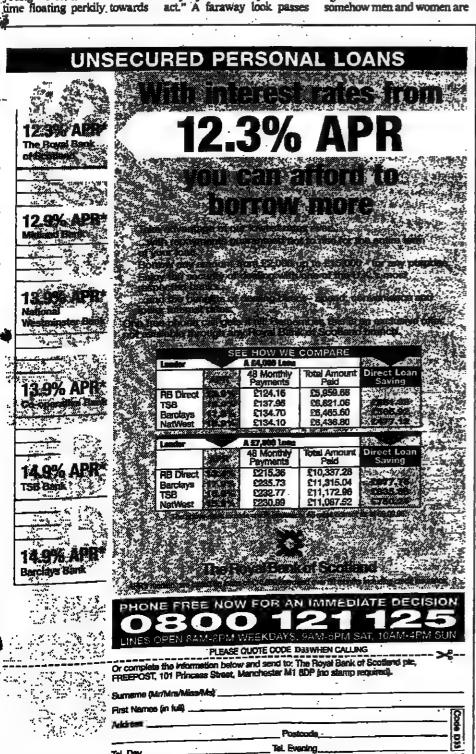
Circulation has since fallen to around three million. The casino has long since been closed down and the jet sold off to a Mexican airline. Hef still drives around LA in a bulletproof Mercedes limo with escort cars in front and behind, but when he flies he

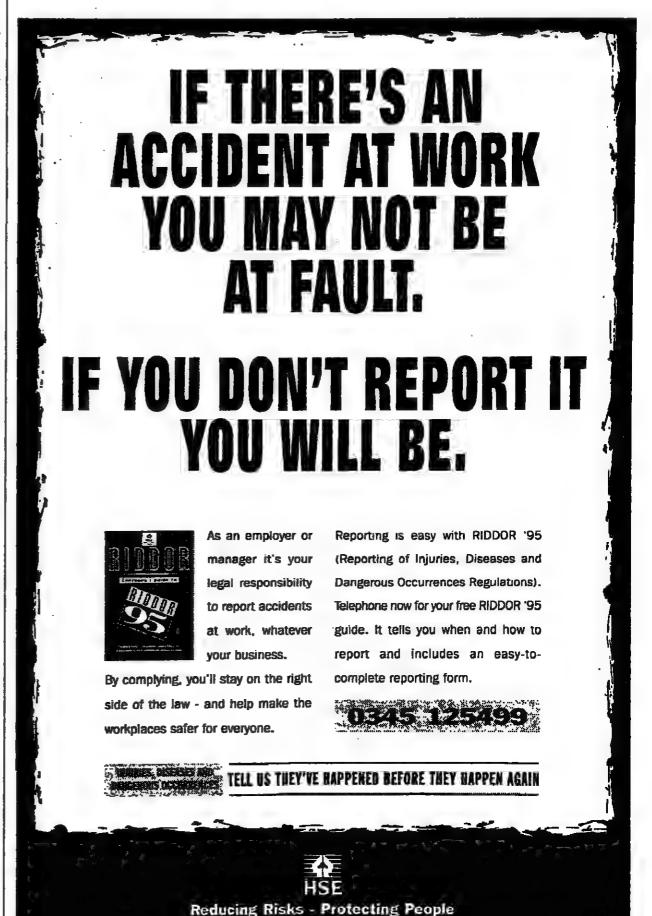
buys a ticket.

the publisher of Hustler, are the ones behind the scandals nowadays. Next to them, Hefner is a pillar of propriety. A "Children at Play" sign in the driveway reminds you he is the devoted father of two young sons, Marston, 6, and Cooper, 5. He likes to be mentioned for his lectures on Southern California, and wants his life to be seen as a grand metaphor for his times from the rigid taboos of his Midwestern upbringing (which fired his fantasies) to the unbridled hedonism of the Playboy Mansion in the 1980s (which fired ours). Indeed, the noted feminist Camille Paglia

Hefner fan, calling him: "one of the principal architects of the social revolution".

He is also, at last, monogamous. Kimberly and I have a lot in common." he explains, dead-pan. "She's an old-fashioned Methodist girl from Alabama and I'm a very moral guy. I've just redefined the





The essential guide to survival.

From the simple joys of jelly and Smarties to the final geriatric fling, Joe Joseph on the seven ages of party man

mas and new year party season upon us, those of us who relish a good time, the sort of evening where we can really let our hair down among close friends, suddenly find ourselves pulling out our social diaries and feverishly filling in all those blank spaces with appointments and rendezvous.

This way, when each new party invitation arrives, we can flamboyantly rifle through our diary and confirm that very sadly — we cannot actually attend any gathering on that particular evening because it seems we are expecting the retuner from Channel 5. "See? It's written right here. Tuesday? Sorry. that's Hoovering night." (Obviously, there are certain people who ache to be invited to almost anything, and it might be amusing to draw up a list of who they are. Perhaps amusing is too strong a word.

So now we are free to telephone our close friends. invite them over to share an Indian takeaway and cold beer, and eatch up on the latest intimate gossip about mutual acquaintances, which is something you feel you just can't do at a party full of strangers. because the music is too loud to hear properly.

Also, people at parties are preoccupied with other things: for instance, you often see them dashing around eyeing up all the guests, desperate to establish whether, by some Koestleresque fluke, they might actually be at the one thrash of the year not being attended by either Marie Helvin or Yasmin le Bon.

But not everyone feels this way. And even those who do, do not feel this way time. Moods change with age. As Shakespeare

In old age, noticed in As You Like It: "All the attendance world's a party, And all the men at parties and women merely partygoers: They becomes a have their exits and their entrances; badge of and one man in his time attends many honour parties, his attendances being divided into seven ages."

These, then, are the seven ages of party man.

"At first the infant, mewling and puking": Probably the last time in a partygoer's life when the "mewling and puking" will not have been brought on by too much liquor. Adults try to make children realise they are enjoying the best days of their lives. But children never believe them, because children have not yet understood that this is the last time in their lives that they will feel happy and then throw up - for no more than the cost of a tube of Smarties, a bowl of Hula-Hoops and three slabs of heavily-iced chocolate

At this age, boys at parties fantasise about not getting scolded for coming home with chocolate-spread smeared all over their legs — not yet aware that what is called "a mess" when spattered on a five-yearchocolate body paint? when

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Thirtysomethings at play: at the fourth age of partygoing, we are unlikely to find ourselves at the wilder bashes — but everyone can fantasise about being young, sexy and single

rubbed by randy adults on

"And then the whining schoolboy": Young men reach their sexual peak in their teens. This is also the age at which they are at their keenest to go to parties. There may be some connection. How can you tell they are keen? Because they spend seven hours preparing for the outing. Contrast

this with the thirtysomething's concept of "making an effort", which consists of trying their best not to break wind in public, at least not next to the buffet table.

This is the age when the male partygoer fantas-ises that his mates will mistake his long absence from the dancessoor when he was in the upstairs

lavatory, throwing up on cider
— as evidence that he had finally managed to persuade Daisy to go the whole hog, under the coat pile.

Then the lover, sighing like furnace*: Men and women in their late teens and early twenties are usually willing partygoers, because at this age Nature steps in. They are driven by their body's basic biological imperative to rush other people's parties because this kind of social interaction dramatically increases their chances of holding something more exciting than biscuits dipped in taramasalata that's past its sell-by date. The target of male fantasies during this phase of their partying life is. for some bizarre arithmetical reason, the woman with whom they have the most improbable chance of success. It's one of God's weirder forms



The final age ... and it is party time once again

soldier, full of strange oaths": As they enter their thirties, men and women become foot soldiers in some giant corporate army, spending their days tapping away at computer keyboards, and their partygoing enters a new phase. Having found a mate. they go only to parties of dear friends or family.

This is the age group of the dinner party, a phase in your life when you spend all Saturday flicking through your shelf of cookery books looking for a recipe which is enticing. doesn't require star anise, and also takes less than 20 minutes to prepare. At 5.30pm you dullish-but-reliable menu that you have given your dinner guests for the past eight years. The sexual element is confined to flirting over drinks.

And then the justice ... full

of wise saws and modern instances": In their forties, men and women find themselves at parties when they are delivering or collecting their children from birthday gatherings. Or else they are recently divorced and are going round the board again: they do this with greater or lesser enthusiasm, depending on whether or not they collected £200 a day in alimony when they passed Go. Their adult parties are now

dies' night, the school parents' fundraising cheese and wine with raffle: first prize - a jeroboam of Moët; second prize - two tickets for any Odeon cinema; third prize two hours of private piano tuition with Miss Buckram, the junior music teacher).

more usually the by-product of

other activities: the cricket club

summer ball, the rugby club

dinner-dance, the Masonic la-

The other prominent diary entry is the Christmas office party, which is less promising hat it was 20 years ago because (a) you are 20 years older: (b) your boss is 20 years older: (c) the woman you got frisky with at office parties 20 years ago now is your boss. Partygoers in their forties don't fantasise as much they used to. Those that still do, fantasise about winning third prize in the cheese and wine

The first age ... and the last time partygoers will be able to have simple, unselfconscious fun and sixties, people attend each other's wedding anniversa-ries, golf club dinners, and retirement or redundancy bashes. They don't party chez nous so much as en masse, on Caribbean cruises, because they have fallen out with their children and want to squander all their cash before they

shuffle off. Men in their late fifties and beyond no longer wonder what it might have been like if they had married one of their female friends rather than the wife they chose, because their. minds are now preoccupied with fantasising about their female friends daughters.

"Last scene of all ... Is second childishness ... Sags teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything: In their seventies and eighties, people like to party once again because, as Shakespeare pointed out, they have reached a second childishness. Often they are too frail to travel alone, so have to be ferried to

and from parties as they were when they were five. They often eat as messily, too. They bounce like yo-yos not because they are playing a party game, but because they are showing off their new metal hip joint. Attendance at parties becomes a parade of honour of life's SULVIVOIS.

Men in their eighties might look as if they lack the will, but they still have strong sexual passions: like Woody Allen, they fantasise that when they do eventually die they will be reincarnated as Warren Beatty's fingertips.

media, on the high street. at work and at home. nowhere on the globe, it seems, is there an oasis where people are not bracing themselves for the onset of the party season. Hard to imag-ine that the cheerful prospect of several weeks' worth of strong drink and vigorous social interaction could strike dread into anyone's heart. But for a significant - and increasing - minority, the prospect of Christmas socialising is not a pleasure, but a very real ordeal.

Research has shown that at least 40 per cent of us suffer from chronic shyness, a "selfimposed prison of silence in Philip Zimbardo, a shyness specialist, describes it, severe enough to interfere significantly with our private and working lives.

Very shy people can take a lifetime to recognise and control their symptoms, but ac-cording to Dr Lynne Henderson, one of America's foremost shyness experts, shyness is more likely to be learnt or foisted on us than inbred. The key to beating it is therefore to unlearn it.

Fifteen years ago. Dr Henderson set up the world's first shyness clinic near Califonia's Stanford University. Every formight, shy people wanting tips on being braver turn up at the clinic's free "drop-in" sessions, where they can relearn animal and learn to deal with the sort of fears that only the

ost of us, mercifully, can get over shy-Clinic wants to help the large minority of the human race who aren't so lucky. Dr Henderson's central idea is simple: social fitness, physical fitness, needs to be worked at.

"Few people turn into world-class athletes," she says. "In the same way, few people feel totally comfortable in every social setting, but everyone can connect with others in ways that are both emotionally satisfying and productive

Some just need prodding. For them, Henderson has fitness model which is the basis of her clinic's treatment, The model is a set of goals ranging from relearning basic conversational skills to handling criticism, expressing emotions and "learning to say no". Most of the work is done in small groups at the clinic, but there is also "homework". often consisting of telephone calls that clients challenge themselves to make - to friends, colleagues, or fellow

Some go further. One was so convinced of his need to smile more often that he took himself off to Stanford Shopping Centre and went home only after smiling at 1,000 people. "It can seem contrived," says one expert, "but it works. It's really thrilling, like seeing someone being reborn and come alive."

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Thin the Christmas party season survival tips from the fam

am afraid that parties have lost their charm for me. Years ago, I sought them out and there was nearly always someone or other who would be giving some sort of thrash on a Saturday night St Martin's School of Art and the other loafers in Soho made up a small population who would drop almost anything and go aimost anywhere to crack open a bottle and live the night away. It was horribly uncomfortable.

The truth of the matter is that we would end up sitting on the floor, drinking the final dregs of some plonk out of a eacup, having already run out of cigarettes and then, usually penniless, have to walk all the way home. And there was

usually a fight.
Oddly enough, there was more violence of a sort in the Fifties than now. Queensbury Rules stuff, mind you, but it was common practice to settle rows and arguments with fists and that was frequently the low ebb of the evening.

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A good party then and in one's youth was a party where you or I met someone wonder-ful and beautiful who would leave with you, walk out into the dawn with you, and then go to bed with you. Those days are over. For me, anyway.

At 18, or thereabouts, one is easily entertained. Sitting about drinking rubbish to the sound of Dixieland jazz is not Sappealing and today's parties to be avoided are those given by art galleries for private views and publishers to launch books. Everybody talks about money all the time and most of them serve only wine as though it is the only drink in the world. Even at the classier ones it is a thoughtless assumption to take it that everybody adores champagne.

I fear that it sounds borribly snooty to say so, but I find that as the years go by the best parties are given by those who can simply afford to give them. All the spirits and mixes should be available, plus good beer. A party is not, or should not be, a private wine-tasting. Some of the very best parties are accidental and are borne of good friends simply meeting for a drink. That is sadly rare.

There is, however, one fairly awful party, and it is starting everywhere now — the Christ-Chas office party. I have come

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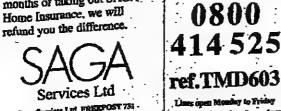
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Jilly Cooper

parties, but I'm stuck in the country so I can't go to all that many. I couldn't

manage them without a drink in my hand, and it is so much nicer if the people are nice.

The ghastliest thing is to be standing about with nobody to talk to. The fear of being a wallflower hangs over from my youth. I suppose if you are vaguely famous it is a help, because people will come up to you I would hate to be young

and going to parties now, because pouncing is not allowed, is it? I think everyone should make it their business, if they see someone standing on their own, to go up and talk to

Lady Elizabeth Anson



I AM agonis ingly shy at parties. The best solution is to pretend that

party, even if I'm not. I suffer from shy-blindness. which means that when I get there all the faces go blank. I think a lot of people suffer from it. I feel better if I stride around looking purposeful. I do envy people who aren't shy, but I

sympathise heavily with those who are shy-blind. and always try to talk to them and make them feel part of things.

Michael Winner

extremely shy at parties, so shy in fact, that I go to only a small fraction of the many I am invited to. People often come up and talk to me who I am not interested in at all. I used to be so paranoid and shy that I never went out to parties. I had to learn to be nice to uninteresting people, which I found exhausting

Beryl Bainbridge



fear is entering a room on my tend to do is grab a drink and have a quick look around to see if I know anyone. If I do, then I stay; if I don't, I pretend that i have forgotten something

I LOVE going

to parties but

my biggest

and sneak out, never to return. I've always been a bit shy about approaching people. I'm going to drink. smoke and eat as much as I can - and then, after Christmas, I shall spend three days in bed eating nothing and drinking only

Dame Barbara Cartland



WHEN I was young Christmas parties were such romantic occasions. If you were shy,

as I was as a young girl, the men looked after you. They made sure that you had a partner with whom to dance, and you were never left to sit on your own. But I'm afraid that young women of today are so independent that the idea of being chaperoned is anathema to them. The key to enjoying parties is not to drink too much and to dance cheek to cheek. I shall go to as many parties as I can during the Christmas period. My only sadness is that my dear friend Lord Brockett is in prison and won't be able to share in all the fun.

Emily Mortimer



knowing what to say. You are in a no-win situation because you

are either trying to escape from someone, or you are convinced that someone is trying to avoid you. As an actress, I receive a lot of invitations. I am surprised at how many people expect me to be thick. I guess it

The secret to staying sober

NATURE is no more fair in distributing the gift of being able to metabolise alcohol quickly than it is in the way it apportions the rest of its

Until they reach the menopause, women absorb alcohol more quickly, and metabolise it more slowly than men. Therefore they become drunk faster, but take longer to sober

men, an alcohol metabolising enzyme is secretthe liver. It is also popularly believed that in women the alcohol passes more rapidly from the stomach into the small intestine, from where it is more promptly absorbed.

the menopause a oman's ability to deal with alcohol more closely resembles that of a man. The stomach is emptied less

quickly if milk, or other fatty food, has been taken first. Bland drinks, particularly if they are fizzy like champagne, slip more easily through the stomach into the intestine they pass swiftly into the bloodstream.

Alcohol drunk with a meal is absorbed at a pace which is not so likely to lead to trouble. The average person is assumed to metabolise alcohol at the rate of one standard unit an hour. The term unit refers to a measure of spirits, a standard glass of wine, or half a pint of medium-strength beer or cider.

The secret of enjoying the party, and breakfast next day, is to have milk before going out and to eat when drinking

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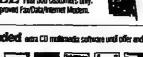
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■ BOOKS

Israel's Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, writes a handbook on Fighting Terrorism IN THE SHOPS: Now REVIEW: Thursday

find it hard to understand why Mrs Bottomley is not the most popular politician in Britain. She looks good, sounds good and always wants to do us so much good. She is telegenic, photogenic, radio-highly active, and every time I meet her I think she's bound to be a winner. She is the minister of fun, and yet all she collects are

catcalls. Why?
Recently, that distinguished economics commentator Sir Samuel Brittain wrote an article on the subject of Darwin and economics which he titled: "It's the biology, stupid". Given leave to employ a similar colloquial directness, if I were to say in a sentence why I thought Mrs Bottomley's name was not sung from the hilltops. chanted on the terraces and remembered in prayers I would

reply: "It's the lottery, stupid".
The lottery adds to the gaiety of the nation, profits a few surprisingly decent citizens, and benefits a myriad of organisations throughout the land. Yet it has about it that unmistakable ring of no confi-

the London Coliseum REVIEW: Wednesday



singing star Diana Pizza Express, Soho **REVIEW: Thursday**





Why they'll always boo poor Mrs B dence and alas, it all rubs off on Mrs Bottomley. She ought to be its queen bee. Adoring swarms should gather around her wherever she settles. Instead, most of what she gets is blame. Blame for giving too much to too few and too

inevitable grudges which always outnumber gratitude. Who is responsible for transforming this bouquet into a poisoned chalice? Cutting through Marxist and societal views of history, I would settle this time on individuals. Their lordships, I'm afraid, are responsible. Their lordships have not looked after their

little to too many. Blame for the

perceived overcompensation of Camelot, and blame for all the

I refer here to their two lordships, Rothschild and Gowrie, Lord Gowrie, a warm acquaintance from long back and full of suspect; if it were possible to be even less likely a suspect, Lord Rothschild is that man. Yet it is because of them, I believe, that she does not wear the crown of a triumphant Tory populism.
From the outset (with that dire,

politically inept and badly handled overpayment for the Churchill documents, which many people in Britain thought we might already own) there has been a whiff of the droit de seigneur — that the first deflowering should come from the ancien régime. But this is public bunce. To see it dished out by those who have so much already, and too often, it seemed, to those who already have so much, was unacceptable. Those were the smoke signals from the lottery, and there was sufficient fire to keep the smoke going. Unfortunately for Mrs Bottomley, it fell into the gift



ened though they are, epitomise and indeed seem to practise dehaut en bas dispensation - out of touch with the times. But the lottery is modern.

So the lottery began at the top with the toffs and has not been able to shake this off. In some ways it has been on the run ever since, thus clouding Mrs B's opportunity to shine in a job for which she was surely sculpted by fortune, and one in which she could have won loud hurrahs for her party.
Of course — particularly in the

past few weeks - it has begun to tackle its own prematurely arthritic rules and organisation. It has taken a rather feeble shot at flexibility and a slightly better shotat populist benison. But it may be too late. See how easily a document from the Labour Party which, among other things, que-ried Carnelot, addressed the doubtful double role of the Director-General of Oflot, and came up with imaginative suggestions such as a community chest and the

THEATRE: A children's fairy-tale full of fun; plus bitter badinage from a disabled company

targeting of gifted children — how easily that makes the present engine look clanky.

The suspicion lingers that little thought was given to this grand opportunity. An aristocratic wave was never going to be enough, and the wave is rather a wave of goodbye to a wonderful chance Mrs Bottoraley had to become a

Tou cannot expect order at the annual comedy awards: I was in the studio when the live events took place, and frankly at times I rather longed for more disorder than the general rowdiness which grew as the evening went on and the alcohol slid down. Spontaneous sallies from the audience, perhaps in jest the locomotive delivery of Jonathan Ross he could cope; or a recipient who defied the three-line whip of 20

seconds of galloped thanks, and embarked on a shaggy dog story or forgot his name or sang a silly song. People are rattled on and off rather uncomfortably. The bar-racking was not well received by the massed comedians present -a good litmus test that it was not funny. The constant references to getting "pissed" were so true as to be more in the realm of documentaries than comedy.

And there is a recent, threatening development in such awards. That is the sending up of the person who makes the award, the person who receives the award, or both. We are told that the tyrannical younger viewer enjoys this and it can keep the show lively. But it also keeps it free of emotion, free of much sense of achievement and free of a sense of a classy event. Two of the older winners showed that the old way might still have some juice in it. Cilla Black was moved by what she clearly felt was a great moment; Dave Allen was truly witty. Honour was saved. applause was heartfelt.

A departure for Domingo

SOMETIMES lightning strikes during an opera per-formance, not very often, and occasionally in the unlikeliest circumstances. When it happens, Dr Johnson's "exotic and irrational entertainment" becomes a theatrical experi-

ence like no other. It happened at Covent Garden on Friday in what the cynical might describe as un-likely circumstances: a one-off performance of Die Walkure, at gala prices to celebrate Placido Domingo's 25th anni-

OPERA

Die Walküre Covent Garden

versary with the Royal Opera and to launch a week in which he is generously presiding over fundraising for the Dev-

Instead of singing Cavaradossi — with which he made his debut in 1971 — as originally announced, Domingo chose to undertake his first Wagner role in London, Siegmund. It was a canny decision. The part lies perfectly for him, not too high, and exploiting the strength in the middle of his voice: there are precedents -Vickers, Vinay - for Otellos who are also fine Siegmunds. Add the Latin warmth of his sound and an Italianate sense of musical line, and you have

beautifully as beautifully sung a Siegmund as you could hope to hear. And as if to confound cynics, he entered fully into both the spirit and the letter of the unconventional Richard Jones production.

He was joined in what was previously the most weakly cast section of this Ring by an outstanding Sieglinde, Karen Huffstodt. She is a soprano who always gives 110 per cent in performance, and then a bit more she was in radiant, rock-steady voice and unleashed torrents of impassioned yet perfectly controlled singing. With Deborah Polaski (Brünnhilde), Jane Henschel (Fricka) and John Tomlinson (Wotan) all in even better form than for the recent cycles, this was an evening of rare vocal splendour.

There were moments in the first act when it sounded as if a little more rehearsal might have been desirable, but Wagner here, negotiated one or two awkward corners with an admirably cool head. Confidence and concentration grew in the second act. with a breakneck prelude and a perfectly paced account of the tricky Annunclation of Death, and lightning struck. The third act was simply electric from beginning to end. A thrilling evening, one that those lucky enough to attend will not easily forget.

RODNEY MILNES

A feast of beastly riches

"A FAIRY-TALE thriller" is the subtitle of this year's Christmas show and the production certainly lives up to the description, with its abrupt extinction of lights in the auditorium (excited shricks from the rows of school parties), the jump-cuts between scenes, and the agonised roars from the Beast.

Laurence Boswell sets the adventures in a fairy-tale France where Beauty's family. in their early years of wealth, wear 18th-century costume and spun-sugar wigs. The cast

enters down the aisles of the theatre, chatting up the audience. The set is a round, planked

stage from which walkways slope up to three towering wardrobes, and at the start of the evening eight elegant metacross the diameter. Beauty's parents, ber brothers and sisters, perch on these, tossing the narrative line between them, and a particularly effective moment deriving from this occurs when Beauty's mother dies: the actress (Jan Pearson) stands up as if surprised by the announcement and slowly, reluctantly moves

Liz May Brice's Beauty, her

face expressing wonder, courtesy, moments of irritation but unfailing true grit, undergoes

the usual fairy-tale journey that climaxes, as it does in Strindberg's Swamohite at the-Gate, with an act of redemptive love. I have some difficulty with this concept, and a review of a Christmas show is not the place to enlarge upon it, but Boswell's plot throws a small wobble by not explaining why the Beast (Simon Gregor, growling behind the mask) is under a curse in the first place. A glance at the text in the programme reveals the character of a wicked queen who

may have made

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ture leaves a slit

Beauty and the Benst Young Vic

in the logic but damages neither the excitement of Beauty's adventures, nor a spirit of fun that keeps bubbling back into the production. Gary Sefton's an excellent creation, and Vicki Pepperdine's automaton Maid is neatly furmy too.

The character of the music (composer: Mick Sands) ingeniously changes as the story moves forward: Baroque elegance giving place to rustic jigs and, once the palace is reached, to Arabic, Indian and African melodies. Boswell's production gives plenty of enjoyable riches for the imagination to feed upon.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Not deaf to the issues

A NUMBER of devils are set up to be knocked down in this collaboration between Graeae, Britain's leading disabled people's theatre company, and Basic Theatre, a black disabled company. Roy Winston's plot involves four black performers who repre-sent Britain at an arts festival in America, where they are subjected to manipulative niceness by the organisers and

> Sympathy for the Devil Tricycle

calls for militant agitation by Jud Evans, a white disabledrights activist played by Jona-

As the badinage becomes more bitter, the members of the group dispute whether they owe allegiance to the black community, the disabled or their own individual desires. Consider that the group's director and dancer are in the midst of an affair, and you can imagine how the

plot thickens. Winston's best writing concerns pairs of characters. In one encounter, the group's partially deaf leader, Ray Harrison Graham's Fitzroy explains to his incredulou mother (Deborah A. Williams) that he wants to marry a blind girl. Another features the oneagain) and the blind Chantelle (Maria Oshodi), each of whom expounds with increasing spite on the romantic circum

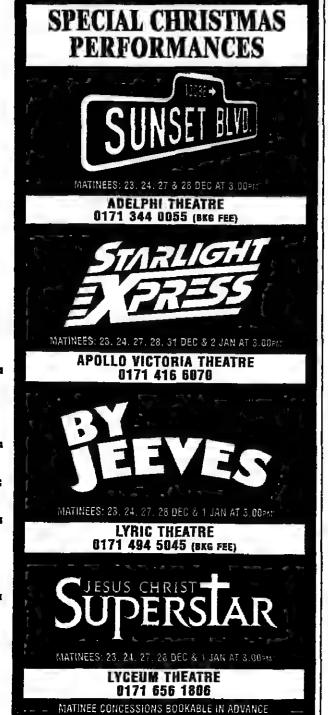
stances of her companion. The writing in these scenes is absorbingly honest, and Graham himself directs with appropriate vigour.

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FILMS

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■ POP

Shane MacGowan, former Pogue and well-worn veteran of punk, brings his band the Popes to the Astoria GIG: Friday REVIEW: Monday

ARTS **TUESDAY TO** FRIDAY IN SECTION 2

POP: The Who revive their neglected Mod masterpiece Quadrophenia; plus an interview with Beck, the singer the stars love to love

A misunderstood monster

hat a capricious, anoma-lous life this must be for Roger Daltrey and John Entwistle. Umbilically connected to one of the great original British rock'n'roll groups, they are required every seven years or so to go into the booth and don the rock superhero costume once more. Who has the right to ask that of men now in their 50s? Someone whose own superpowers may have wained undeni-ably, but whose legacy still holds a

Pete Townshend's latest seven-year

The Who **Earls Court**

itch, resuscitating The Who for the specific task of exhuming his 1973 opus Quadrophenia, has met predictable vilification. But those who saw the fingers of his lumbering monster twitch anew in Hyde Park in June will have grasped some of the Frankensteinian fervour that sent him back into the laboratory, hoping to redress the memory of a much misunderstood creation.

Quadrophenia, of course, was a nostalgic work even when it first appeared. On the original album Townshend paid his emotional respects to the Mod milieu of the 1960s for which The Who helped to provide the soundtrack even if they never lived the life. But their attempts to bring the work to the stage were beached by the technological limitations of the 1970s.

Emboldened by his latter-day theatrical success with Tommy, Townshend has thus added yet another postscript to a group that never quite reaches the full stop. Earls Court was a mixture of original fans and inquisitive youngsters. The reviews for the American tour of Quadrophenia that followed that

association with Van Wal-

sum Management, for

putting on a substantial

eight-programme series of



The Who's Quadrophenia live at Earls Court: "Touring endeavours have polished this show into a splendid fairground spectacle"

wildly enthusiastic, and whatever the wisdom of its revival, those touring endeavours have polished this show into a splendid fairground spectacle.
Some of the sideshows have changed since June, Gary Glitter's role went with admirable casting to another rock wool caricature, P.J.

Proby, while the Ace Face/Bell Boy

chilly summer day in the park were choice, Billy Idol, a man who could sneer for England. In the absence of Phil Daniels from the Hyde Park production the part of the 1960s adolescent schizophrenic Jimmy was played out on film this time, again illuminated by scenes from Franc Roddam's film version of the piece.

Townshend cut a mentor figure, happy now to play barely audible acoustic guitar, but Daltrey and

Entwistle did nothing but enhance the memory of their immense contri-bution to The Who legend. At 52, Daltrey is stunningly fit and toned. his voice still towering, his microphone-swinging skills still intact. Entwistle, the Ox, remains a rock of expressive agility on the bass.

Respectful throughout, the audi-Rog stepped outside the brief, returning for an acoustic Won't Get Fooled Again and bringing the band in for Behind Blue Eves and Who Are You. It may seem to some like rock necrophilia, but who can blame Daltrey's yearning for The Who to breathe again? Against all odds, they are still meaty, beaty, big and bouncy, even in half life.

PAUL SEXTON

FESTIVALS devoted to the music of contemporary compusers are not easy to mount and the clouds in today's economic condi-

ble for the artistic direction of a similarly inspired record ing project by Sony Classical of the complete works.
The Cello Concerto (1966)

the works of György Ligeti.
The series — called Clocks and Clouds after a Ligeti title - will continue over the next two seasons, culminating in 1998, the composer's 75th birthday year. The first concert was conducted at the Geringas, begins with a liter two movements there is some Festival Hall on Thursday ally inaudible thread of staccato tick-tocking, and finight by Esa-Pekka Salonen sound marked pppppppp in nally a mysterious scurrying

CONCERT: Barry Millington

welcomes an eight-programme series devoted to György Ligeti

during which the cellist's hands disappear up the fingerboard - into the clouds,

The cloudy textures now let more sky through, however, and there is a distinctly brittle quality to the music that whiperack ending.

ny No 4 in the programme was to encourage the punters, it worked - the downstairs

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area of the Festival Hall was very respectably filled. Yet this was no makeweight fillharsh realities underlying the jingling sleigh-bells in severely articulated, forcefulshaped phrases. The solo fiddler of the Scherzo (Christopher Warren-Green) was allowed to go rustic with a vengeance, while Joan Rodgers's soprano solo in the finale characterised the child's earthy vision of heavenly bliss more astutely than I can ever remember. This series continues tonight.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Too busy to be a slacker

alf an hour before Beck Hansen is due on stage at the Paris Bataclan, a waiter thrusts a copy of Irvine Welsh's Trainspotting into his hands and asks him to sign it. Even though Beck hasn't read the book (nor, indeed, is he connected with the Trainspotting phenomenon), he dutifully scrawls his signature across one of the pages.

The 26-year-old singer-song-writer's polite, Californian drawl is the andthesis of the drug-fuelled invective of Welsh's characters, but it seems appropriate that his name should be casually linked to one of the big success stories of recent times. After all, Beck's Odelay, a brilliant fusion of hip-hop, pop, punk, funk, folk and garage, is a strong contender for the alburn of 1996, loved not only by the million-and-a-half people who have bought it, but also by music critics and bands such as Pulp and Oasis.

Indeed, Noel Gallagher was so enamoured with Odelay that he offered to remix the single Devil's Haircut, helping it to reach No 22 in the charts last month. "Beck's a hero of mine," Gallagher says. Hopefully, there will be more collaborations in the future."

"I felt very honoured by Noel's interest," Beck says. "I would never think that he would have the time to do something like that, I mean, I wouldn't even have time to remix one of my own songs. no matter how much I liked it." Beck has been continually

busy since he first emerged in 1994 with his single Loser, an upbeat slab of post-grunge pop which gave him a major label deal with Geffen and an international hit. However, the song also saw him crowned "King of the Slackers", an odious title that has haunted him ever since.

After releasing his first alburn. Mellow Gold, Beck tried to shake off the slacker tag by taking advantage of the clause in his contract which allows him to record for other labels, and putting out two very different albums, One Foot in the Grave and Stereopathetic Soul Manure, in quick

He returned to the fore last June, teaming up with the DJs and producers the Dust Brothers, who helped him to create

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Odelay. "I like putting incredi-bly harsh sounds next to extremely delicate melodies," Beck says. "We live in a world that is full of contradictions, so it seems natural for that to be

The contradictions in Beck's sound can be at least partly explained by his childhood. It was split between the colourful, artistic world of Los Angeles, where he lived with his mother Bibbe Hansen, (a tech-age habituee of Andy Warhol's Factory), whose Hollywood home became a hangout for punk bands, and the more parochial (world of Kansas, where he spent the summers with his paternal grandfather. a Presbyterian preacher.

The religious energy of a



Beck: finding music in the

minister in front of his congre gation is pretty similar to rock'n'roll energy," Beck says. The grunt and the groan and the punctuation of a sermon is similar to the grunt and groan of a soul singer or a rapper. It's all connected to the blues."

Johnny Cash was sufficiently touched by one of Beck's boat, to record it for his new album Unchained, and Beck supported Cash in one of his concerts a couple of years ago. The occasion gave him the chance to meet June Carter Cash, whose mother, Maybelle, was a major influence on his guitar style. "I never thought I would be that close in person to one of the Carter family," Beck says.

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who, with Ligeti, is responsitions. All praise therefore to the South Bank Centre and Philharmonia Orchestra, in

juxtagoses the two modes regular, mechanical activity and drifting, slow-moving clusters — that correspond to the Clocks and Clouds of the series title. The cellist, here the admirably adept David

the score) which is gradually

picked up, elaborated and distorted by neighbouring notes supplied by both soloist and accompanying instruments. In the second of the The San Francisco Polyph-

ony, dating from a few years later (1973-74), deals more, as its title suggests, with overlapping contrapuntal lines.

Salonen and the Philharmonia caught perfectly. There are also alternating phases of tension and repose, neatly encapsulated in Salonen's handling of the if the primary reason for including Mahler's Sympho-

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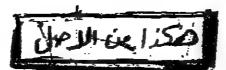
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Even six years on, the tribe still has a deep feeling of guilt, which explains its death-wish

Some six years ago I tried in a Times par-liamentary sketch to capture the Tory mood at the demise of Margaret Thatcher. And not only the mood, but (as I supposed) the forces I sensed at work within the parliamentary Conservative Party at that

I wrote of "the tribe". The tribe had suffered a great internal convulsion. They have not, as individmen and women, known what they were doing, but the tribe has known

what it was doing.
"They lashed out at the media, they lashed out at Europe, they lashed out at the Opposition, and they lashed out at each other.

One of the elders of the tribe. Sir Geoffrey Howe, began to speak. He spoke almost in tongues: he spoke as he had never spoken. He poured down imprecations on the head of the leader." Then Heseltine wielded the dagger. "With the leader now wounded, her own senior tribesmen drew back with one accord and left her. Suddenly alone, she hesitated, then staggered from

"The tribe mourned her de-parture. Not falsely or without member feeling they wept. Then the tribe may want to fell upon her aswin the sailant, Michael Heseltine, and slew him too with many shouts of anger. Real

election, but the tribe seeks anger.
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let. It had all the elements of a classical drama. Like Chinese opera or Greek tragedy the rules required that certain human types be represented, certain ambitions be portrayed, certain actions punished. Every convention was obeyed, every actor played out his

Now I begin to think the tragedy is not over. There being (so far as I know) no Jungian saion among those who write about public affairs, my theories of the collective unconscious of the Conservative Party are hard to fit or justify within any modern school of political commentary, but I state with what conviction I can command that I do not believe the Tories' present

problems concern Europe. If they did, John Major's admirable On the Record interview yesterday would dispel the problem. How can it suit Tory Eurosceptics that a Labour government be sent to Amster-dam to defend Britain's position? Exerybody knows the next Tory government, if there is one, will not enter the first wave of a single currency, so what purpose is served by casuistry over the precise formulation of the party's present position? Such questions have been. put so often now that it is tedious to repeat them. Tory Euro-sceptics just go blank when you pose them. Their tion is not answered. Then

they return to the public

Those of us who are not

cursed with any "deep hu-man relationship" to sustain will know how embarrassing it is for single people when we find ourselves drawn into that lifelong skirmish and intermittent loathing that others call "partnership". Our hosts start squabbling about some trivial thing who is to put the rubbish out, or whether the village shop is open on Sunday mornings. The dispute seems perfectly resolvable, yet the squabble takes on a bitter edge, the antag-onists heedless of their embarrassed audience. We attempt some light remark, or a change of conversational tack, but our hosts seem drawn back to their squabble. Finally the exchanges move on, whereupon the couple find some new dispute and set about each other's heads on that. The onlooker realises that they simply wish to quarrel. One is not helping them by finding a way around the quarrel. What they choose to quarrel about is secondary.

In this paper last week, Peter Riddell remarked on how the Tories keep returning to the very thing that sets them apart. I think this has less to do with the apparent and stems from in the party's

Laugh at me if you like, but I think the problem is Margaret Thatcher. The Tory tribe cannot come to terms with what it did to her. There is an unwitting yearning to be purged for her murder. Loss of their first general election without her would have been a fit punishment, and the party wanted and expected it. John Major and the electorate cheated them of their cathersis

or the Tory tribe, Mr Major has become a totum for its inability to say sorry. In hating him, they hate themselves and their own treachery. He was not the perpetrator of the treachery, but he was its benefactor. Still alive and visibly distraught, Baroness Thatcher hangs still in the tribe's imaginative memory as a symbol of their

The parliamentary Conservative Party does not believe its own re-election would be just. Though any one of them can pretend otherwise, the tribe cannot pretend as a tribe. In this Gadarene flight towards nemesis, the tribe is being resisted by a Prime Minis-ter who can see the cliff, and an electorate that, however it may dislike the Tories, is not convinced by the

Mr Major's efforts, however, may be futile. One person could save him, and that is Margaret Thatcher.

The Prime Minister has decided not to join the single currency, but cannot bring himself to say so

What Major meant been well pleased with the success of yesterday's BBCI interview with John Humphrys. He handles these big interviews very well. He sometimes sounds rather petulant at Prime Minister's Questo say was No tions, but in these television interviews he usually sounds moderate. decisive and pleasantly relaxed. Yesterday's came after a bad week, which included the loss of his majority, a horrible opinion poll and

did put a stop to him making the direct challenge to Labour on the single currency. But each month that the election gets closer, Clarke and Heseltine become less powerful. They should not be provoked beyond endurance, but they will not be able to dictate policy during the campaign. If John Major wins, he will not be under any further obligation to either of them. They would then be people of

The policy John Major actually outlined to John Humphrys substituted a second-best but almost equally useful line on the single currency.

John Major refused once again to
rule out British entry, but he did
emphatically rule it out if the potential members do not genuinely meer the Maastricht criteria. "If they are fudging the criteria, there is no question of the UK joining," he said. He also said the European economic convergency must be "sustainable". By next April there will be even more evidence on these points. There have aiready been notorious fudges in both France and Italy; neither country is likely to meet the budget deficit criterion by "sustainable" means. In an April campaign, the Prime Minister will be free to look at this evidence; if he concludes that there has been no sustainable convergence, he can then point back to this interview and say that he has long made it clear that there was no question of Britain joining an unsustainable

He also specified a number of other oints which Britain will not accept in Amsterdam next June if he is still Prime Minister. He will not hand over to the European Union control of policy on borders, immig-ration and asylum. He will not accept qualified majority voting for a common European foreign policy. He will not accept any massive increase in majority voting. He will not accept a transfer of responsibility for employment policy, particularly as

William Rees-Mogg

our unemployment is now falling, while that of France and Italy is much

In their comments after the broadcast, John Redwood, Geoffrey Howe and Peter Lilley all expressed their satisfaction at what had been said, which suggests that at least one of them may have misunderstood the Prime Minister's message. I found myself in particular agreement with Peter Lilley's observation that it was riow time to press Labour for answers on Europe. The Conservative position is now reasonably clear, even if it is not as frank on the single currency as it should be. It centres on

the acceptance of a flexible European Union, with countries choosing to be in or out of particular commitments, including the single currency. The slogan is co-operation, yes; centralisation, no". The Conservatives are not going to join in any great extension of the integration of Britain into Europe. The public do not want

hich of John Major's rela-tively Euro-aceptic policies will Labour adopt? If Tony Blair goes to Amsterdam, and it is still probable that he will, will he accept the programmes for centralis-ation proposed by some other Euro-pean countries? Is he going to take Britain into a fudged single currency? Will he, as seems to be Labour policy, be willing to accept much more qualified majority voting? Will he depend on the customs officers of Vaples as the distant guardians of Britain against drug-smugglers and terrorists? Is he going to commit British Forces to back a foreign policy decided by the majority votes of countries who will make virtually no contribution of their own?

Strangely enough, John Major, in what was much the least satisfactory passage of the interview, gave Tony Blair a defence for refusing to answe these questions - although I hope Blair will not use it. Major complained that his critics were damaging his negotiating position, and used the metaphor of the poker table. Since

the time of Harold Macmillan I have learnt to distrust politicians who use metaphors derived from gambling. Major said that if you are "playing poker with 14 other skilled players, you don't turn your cards face up," and claimed he had "good reason to be opaque". On Europe, in the past, he has destroyed public confidence by being far to opaque. being far too opaque. At the next election, neither John

Major nor Tony Blair will be playing poker, which is a game of deceit, but the game of democracy. Entering the single currency is the biggest economic decision since Britain joined the Common Market. Almost all the relevant facts are known already. By the election there will be more than ample evidence on which to decide whether Britain should go in or stay out. Kenneth Clarke's threat to resign has made it difficult for John Major to make public the decision to stay out which in substance he has already taken. That is itself a serious weakness of the Conservative campaign. But John Major has found a way to sidestep Kenneth Clarke, and in April there will be little doubt about the real thrust of Conservative

policy.

The Labour position on Europe is in much greater doubt. We know they are more Europhile than the Conservatives but we do not know what that means. I doubt whether Tony Blair would take us into a single currency: the referendum commitment proba-bly ties his hands anyway. I fear that Tony Blair might agree to unaccept-able centralising measures at Amsterdam through inexperience and a impression on his first big European occasion. If so, he will regret it later on. What is certain is that Labour will have to answer the European ques-tions. Once again, like a skilful dentist, John Major has managed to find a gold filling in what appeared 24 hours ago to be the jaws of death.

It's too late now to change

Peter Riddell

some indiscreet lobby talk by

Kenneth Clarke. John Major was not

only able to defend himself from

these tactical reverses, but to estab-

lish a moderate Euro-sceptic strategy

The election will be in the spring.

probably on May I. The Amsterdam conference, which will decide the

difficult issues of the inter-govern-mental conference, will be held in

June. John Major yesterday made it

clear that he is going to campaign on the theme: Would you rather have

Tony Blair going to Amsterdam and

signing away the national interests of the United Kingdom which I have been fighting to defend?" Last Mon-day the mysterious source close to

John Major flew a trial balloon in

The Daily Telegraph. The source suggested there might be a commit-

ment not to join the single currency in the next Parliament. The source

found, and John Major found, the

apple not yet ripe; indeed it proved to

be green and bitter. The Prime

and shopsoiled open-option policy,

and the trial balloon was shot down

by Kenneth Clarke and Michael

Heseltine. That does not mean that

John Major might not have preferred to fight the next election on a policy of "no single currency in the next

The Prime Minister is at his most

formidable when he appears to be

ister then had to reaffirm the old

for the general election.

says voters have

already made

up their minds

about the parties

ohn Major yesterday presented the best case for the Government and its European policies that I have heard for a long time. His approach is not only in the national interest but is also politically right. But it probably comes too late, since the Tories appear in no mood to come to their senses. It is a fantasy to believe that a dramatic new initiative or change of course in Europe would suddenly improve the Tories' prospects, rather than damage them further.

Barring acts of God, wars or sudden deaths, the decisive shift in public opinion has already occurred as a result of the Tories' earlier mistakes and divisions and of the reinvention of Labour under Tony Blair. What happens between now and polling day may affect the scale of victory or defeat, but not which party wins. These months are highly unlikely to save the

Of course, the size of any majority is important, not least to individual MPs and candidates. But campaigns, whether the current preliminary skirmishing or the final four-week battle, are nearly as important as politicians and the media like to believe. It is easy for insiders to become caught up in the latest propaganda exchanges or rows of the day, and to believe they have a big impact. There is little evidence that the battle over "Jennifer's ear" or Neil Kinnock's triumphalist Sheffield rally made any real difference to the 1992 result. The public is more detached and sensible

Elections are very seldom decided by the immediate campaigns. Admit-tedly, many voters, between a fifth and a quarter, say they decide on



their choice during the campaign, but this does not mean they decide because of the campaign, as opposed sion. Levels of party support do shift during campaigns, often to favour the third party, but these changes have very seldom been enough to alter the result. Most movements cancel each other out, while many undecided or hesitant voters revert to previous loyalties. Based on the comprehensive data of the long-running British Election Study, the several authors of Labour's Last Chance? concluded that in 1992 it was "very unlikely that Labour could have done anything in the campaign to have generated enough votes for an overall majority or even to have made it the largest party in a hung Parliament . . . The 1992 election was like most of in

official campaign ever began."

But campaign strategems still have a powerful hold. Labour was, for example, widely thought to have "won" the 1987 and 1992 campaigns, and some of its leaders congratulated themselves on having fought a "good" war, even though the party lost where it really mattered, in the ballot box. Professor Dennis Kavanagh, one of Britain's leading political academics, argues in his book Election Campaigning that communications and media strategies can distract politicians, and commentators, from the underlying policy problems of parties. Rather than campaigns, "enduring forces like the voters' social class, religion,

party identification, the Govern-ment's record and longstanding images of the parties are more electorally decisive. Most campaign activities are of "marginal impor-tance one way or the other in deciding the election outcome - although in close-run contests they can mean the difference between defeat and victory. and politicians are motivated by the possibility that their efforts might

make the difference". The millions of pounds poured into campaigns are mainly a defensive exercise, to prevent opponents gaining an edge. There is always the fear that something might go disastrously wrong — a fear that Margaret Thatcher felt even at the height of her success. And there is the awful warning of Labour's self-destruction under Michael Foot in 1983. Campaigning can still be impor-

the fold. Minutes later, Alessandra herself phoned into the show to

confirm it. Talk is that she will now stand for election as mayor of

NEW YORK property developer Donald Trump, seldom less than artful about polishing his reput-

ation, is boasting of winning argu-

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Trump claims to have bet \$1 mil-

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field came home, on odds (says

Trump) of 20-1. leaving "The Don-

ald" with a \$20 million win. "I have

to admit, I was surprised when

Holyfield won." said Trump at a

New York party last week. He

claims to have made the bet in Nev-

ada, but the losing bookie has yet to

Rome for the post-Fascists.

Trump card

tant at a local level. There is evidence that energetic local campaigning, aimed at target groups of voters, can make a difference of at least a few hundred votes, enough to win or lose in close contests. After all, Labour won about 20 more seats in 1992 than would have been expected given its national share of the vote. This partly reflected its concentration on critical f marginals. If the Tories had held on, Mr Major would have had much more room for manoeuvre since 1992.

arties will always campaign aggressively in the belief that somebody might be influ-enced. The most effective strategies are those that reinforce existing images. It is not possible to change the public's view of a party, or a leader, during the run-up to. polling day. A sudden change will be unconvincing. That is why it is ludicrous for the hard-core sceptics. to argue that Tory prospects could be transformed if Mr Major ruled out participation in a single currency. A sizeable minority of committed Tories certainly regard Europe as their top priority, and the issue has been moving up the rankings of importance among voters generally, but it is still well behind health. education, law and order and the economy. Europe is not a votewinner. Any supposed gains would anyway be more than cancelled out by the losses from the resulting party splits and obvious inconsistencies

The Tories' only real course is to play the Honest John card, as Mr Major did in his On the Record interview. He is at his best when he... appears as the man of common sense and experience, and at his worst when he is the partisan and strident party leader. The Tories can claim to: have taken necessary tough decisions on the economy and public services. and can contrast this with Labour's a evasions. Just as it would be foolish for Labour to compete with the Tories on tax-cutting, so it would be counterproductive for the Tories to abandon their current European policy and to dump a highly successful Chancellor like Kenneth Clarke. Voters are repelled, rather than attracted, by such panicky gestures.

Blair block

JOHN MAJOR'S interview yesterday for the BBC was unprecedented in taking place not in No 10 but in the Prime Minister's canefurniture conservatory in Huntingdon. But an interview with Tony Blair at his house in Islington, or anywhere else for that matter. would have been even more surprising.

Despite repeated requests from the BBC. Blair hasn't found time for a Sunday lunchtime grilling in the past two years. His most recent appearance was in January 1995; talk at the corporation is that he is frightened of a 50-minute goingover from John Humphrys. Such suggestions are dismissed

by the Labour leader's office as pathetic", and party sources claim that he is deliberately snubbing the programme. Blair simply hasn't been seeing eye to eye with its editor, David Jordan, they say.

"Perhaps if David Jordan had not been so instrumental in defending Panorama's plan to screen an interview with Major just days before Scotland's local elections - a plan which was scuppered by the courts - Tony might have been better disposed towards On the

Given the circumstances, Humphrys's dressing-room chatter before the interview was revealing: "I meant to get my hair cut," he told the Prime Minister while powdering up, "but then I thought 'I'm not going to get my hair cut for David Blunkett." Blunkett had been due to appear on the show before Major



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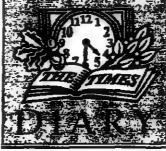
Tony Blair and his family and friends spent Saturday evening celebrating his younger son Nicho-las's 10th birthday at Babe Ruth's. a sport-theme restaurant in east London not renowned for its food. After the meal, Blair Sr joined Nicholas for a game of basketball on a mini-pitch in the restaurant. Nicholas wore his birthday present, a Manchester United shirt. Blair and number 10 were written on the back.

Yawn radio

AVOID THE radio station Classic FM on Christmas Day, for Westminster's politicians are taking over and broadcasting for much of the afternoon. The likes of Diane Abbott, Jerry Hayes and Edwina Currie (who else?) will be performing in a version of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta Iolanthe.

It sounds difficult enough to bear even without a plot which involves Abbott marrying Hayes. Light re-lief comes in the form of Lords Healey and Howe, who each make a cameo appearance. And then there is Clare Short in her role as Queen of the Fairies. I shall not be on their wavelength.

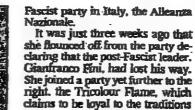
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dwarf. Manuel Wackenheim, is turning elsewhere to defend his right to be shot out of a cannon, in 1991, the French Ministry for the Interior declared that 4ft Wackenhein's projectile vivant act was a danger to public morality. France's highest administrative court, the Conseil d'Etat, upheld the ban and the European Court of Human Rights has other things to discuss, so Wackenheim is taking his case to the International Court of Justice instead.

Far right

ALESSANDRA MUSSOLINI, the grand-daughter of Il Duce - who has fortunately inherited her looks from her aunt, Sophia Loren, rather than her grandfather - has returned to the bosom of the post-



At the weekend, Signor Fini boasted on a Italian radio phone in that Alessandra was returning to

of Mussolini's Blackshirts, and still

does the Fascist salute at its party



Steep bank

be found.

BASE CAMP on Sir Ranulph Piennes's polar trek with his 500lb sled, and they are thankful they have not yet encountered difficulties with crevasses. Showing off last October before he set off, the



THOIS WILLIAM

Figures so far

bullet-headed former SAS officer gave a demonstration of how to es-.. cape from a crevasse. He attempted to scale the 300ft former Bar-clays Tower in the City of London. his sled dangling beneath.

Just 15ft from the ground, Sir

Ranulph came unstuck. Tangled in his ropes, he was trussed up like a Christmas turkey, unable to move: up or down. The window-cleaning .winch was lowered to rescue him: "I'm an explorer, not a climber," he.," said huffily.



DANGEROUS EXPANSION

Why early enlargement could fatally weaken the Nato alliance

The second Clinton Administration's most pride and insecurity that warped German awkward and important strategic task will be the construction of a stable and durable post-Cold War settlement in Europe. This will require a hard fresh American look at the policy of extending Nato into Central Europe, for which the alliance's foreign ministers are expected to set a negotiating timetable when they meet tomorrow.

When they embarked on this path, Western governments may sincerely have believed that Nato enlargement would be a force for European stability. There is barely a politician, let alone a senior military commander, who believes that now. Instead they refer to Nato's "obligation to accept the new democracies"; or talk about guarding against a new security vacuum; or privately, say simply that for the West to back off now would send "the wrong message to Russia".

The first two arguments are disingenuous. since the West intends to leave democratic states in the Baltics and Balkans - precisely those most vulnerable to a security vacuum n the other side of Europe's new dividing line. The third cannot conceivably justify heading into a foreseeable confrontation with Russia that would jeopardise arms control agreements and bolster revanchist anti-Western nationalism. That could prove to be the last great geostrategic blunder of this dreadful century.

If the West is genuinely to enhance European security, three historical precedents provide guidance — the peace settlements of 1815 and 1919; and the handling of Germany after 1945. The lesson they teach is that when, as with France after 1815 and Germany after 1945, vanquished but potentially formidable aggressors are but potentially formidable aggressors are folded into new political structures, the reward is durable peace. The penal strictures of the Treaty of Versailles, by contrast, fed resentments that assisted the rise of Nazi dictatorship. With the most honourable and indeed peaceful of intentions, the West is busy breeding in contemporary Russia much the same sense of outraged national

politics in the interwar years.

If enlargement also lowers Nato's credibility as a military alliance, it will have created the worst of all worlds. That is likely, for two reasons. The first is that if Nato meets its goal of admitting new members by its 50th anniversary in 1999, or does so soon after, their armed forces will not be adequately trained or equipped to participate reliably in Nato's integrated military structure. For some years, they will be second-class

members, and seen to be such since Nato

plans to station no alliance forces on the

territory of the new members. The second could be called the "no war for Maribor" problem. Nato parliaments must ratify any enlargement treaty. When Nato was founded, the US Senate was persuaded only with great difficulty to underwrite the core Article 5 guarantee that an attack on one member is an attack on all. Now the US Senate may well refuse to accept the major new security commitment of extending Article 5 protection from Western Europe to

countries such as Slovakia or Slovenia. If that happened, the whole of Nato would be gravely weakened. Yet so conscious are Western European governments of their debts of honour, particularly to Poland and the Czech Republic, that none of them is prepared to apply the brakes. America alone could do so - by insisting that Nato enlargement should be an outgrowth of the expansion of the European Union. That would buy time to work out ways of meeting Mr Clinton's pledge to include Russia in "a security circle for all of Europe". It would force the Europeans to face the double standards they have applied with respect to the continent's new democracies.

The start of a new term gives Mr Clinton his window of opportunity. He may not yet be persuaded of the geopolitical risks of enlargement; but this most political of Presidents is not the man to court the risk of an historic defeat at the hands of the US Senate. That should concentrate his mind.

QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

Major spoke well but solved nothing

crisis, John Major was confident and relaxed in his BBC interview yesterday. The Prime Minister's answers, however, are unlikely to satisfy the backbenchers and voters of all persuasions who reject the Government policy of remaining forever the single currency? The only answer he is silent on the most important issue facing the willing to give is "trust me": country in the approaching general election.

The Prime Minister's statements remained full of familiar inconsistencies and evasions. On the one hand, Mr Major said, it would be quite wrong for Britain to state its opposition to the single currency, because if it did, this country would lose all influence over the design of economic and monetary union. Yet he was prepared to say, in advance of all negotiation, that he would not countenance ceding any power whatsoever to Brussels over Britain's borders, or immigration. The implication was that border controls and asylum policy is not men to negotiation, while control over the economy is. Does Mr Major seriously want to suggest that policy on rabid dogs and asylum-seekers is more important than who sets Britain's interest rates?

Because he is so reluctant to offend his Chancellor, the Prime Minister seems unable to see that the single currency involves matters of principle, as well as calculations about temporary economic interests. To him, the choice facing Britain appears to be merely a matter of contingent economics. If he were to apply this approach to a common immigration policy, he would negotiate quite happily with other member states, wait to see what the result was, and decide whether or not Britain should support it once he had looked at such details as whether first cousins or just spouses should be allowed to live in the EU.

The Prime Minister held out the vague hope of using the narrow economic grounds of the convergence criteria to try to stop the EMU project. That would be wholly

Rising, as ever, to the challenge of a party desirable, and justifiable, if he could show that the relevant economic figures were fudged. But what if they are not? What if only Germany and a few other fiscally -responsible countries went ahead? Would - Mr. Major then gleefully sign Britain up for willing to give is "trust me":

That would be easier to do if voters knew what the Prime Minister's instincts really were. How far will Mr Major go to stop further centralisation? How much more important for him is that Britain should remain "at the heart of Europe"?The electorate is growing increasingly sensitive to these distinctions. The Prime Minister has become a political sumt driver, sometimes a courageous one, but he is running out of

Mr Major reiterated yesterday the misleading argument that, if Britain stated in advance that it would not want take part in EMU, it would lose its right to negotiate and vote. This is simply untrue. Whether "in" or "out", each EU country retains its place at the table and its vote. Mr Major may be right to suggest that Britain would lose influence with other countries if it ruled itself out. But even this argument is diminishing in strength as it becomes clear that the attitudes of the "outs" will have a huge effect on the success or failure of the

single currency. We have in the past accepted that Mr Major's equivocal stance may be diplomatically helpful for a time. The question is still how long that equivocation can helpfully and realistically last. The Prime Minister claimed yesterday to be putting the national interest above the party interest. As the election approaches, the two will coincide. The nation will demand to know what he intends to do with the pound. The party will demand that he refuse to give it away. The one answer that he will no longer be able to offer is, "wait and see".

HEROES WITH HERNIAS

The daring young outpatient on the flying trapeze

sympathy this Christmas season, spare the briefest of thoughts for Matthew Kelly. Mr Kelly is billed to play Mother Goose at the Birmingham Hippodrome this year. With the Hippodrome's run hardly begun, Mr Kelly has already been singled out as a likely candidate for a new form of industrial injury: pantomime hernia. The production company staging Birmingham's Mother Goose and 32 similar hiss-and-boo spectaculars reckons that Mr Kelly has the most strenuous time of all its performers: 18 splitsecond costume changes in each performance - and he goes up in a balloon.

Apparently Mr Kelly is only one of a gowing number of professional actors who are succumbing to this new middle-class epidemic; not to mention the many unknown victims among the volunteers who star in the local amateur productions of Peter Pan put on by the WI. Before we know where we are, the shop stewards of Equity will be demanding a special hernia allowance for the seven persons of restricted height who have to lug Snow White around the stage. If the hernia epidemic during the Perhaps he was ahead of his time.

Among the many deserving objects of our intensive pantomime season is taken as a sign of a wider danger, the contagion may spread. Will the diva who is required to hurl herself over the battlements at the end of Tosca or the baritone singing Rigoletto who must carry his daughter in a sack demand extra insurance?

Pantomime creates jobs for actors like nothing else all year. If this year's script says that the cosmic fairy flies all the way round the auditorium over the audience's head, then that's what Scorpio of Gladiators will have to do. If he doesn't, there will be other resting celebrities ready to take his place.

If the injury rate makes casts difficult to assemble, a simple solution is to hand. Sports celebrities make second careers for themselves on television, so why should they not become panto stars? Alan Shearer as Dick Whittington, Ian Botham as Puss In Boots; the list of possibilities is endless. They are available, they are fit and they don't limp off to the doctor the first time anyone asks them to lift anything heavier than a handbag. By all accounts, Frank Bruno was a fine genie in Aladdin a few years back.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Misconceptions' on joining EMU

From Sir Thomas Macpherson

Sir, You reported (Business, later editions, December 5) the speech made in London by M J-C. Trichet, Governor of the Bank of France. As a believer in the eventual necessity of a common currency, and in the virtual certainty that some countries will initiate it more or less on schedule, I listene with interest to the array of unchallengeable facts he quoted. There were two areas, however, where he appeared to share familiar misconceptions.

First, he claimed the unfortunately named euro marked "the sweeping away of the final barriers". Not true, There are many barriers to go first in the investment and insurance markets, telecommunications, transport and energy, and many non-tariff barriers on physical goods. And certain member countries are still blatantly propping up non-competitive enter-prises with state aids.

Secondly, he asserted without doubt that the cure would be a strong and stable currency. Increasingly doubt-ful. Several potential founder members will creep under the wire of the Maastricht criteria by one-off devices, which by definition cannot be repeated. At least one passes the tests through the large percentage of its GDP represented by EU subsidies — when they cease, it fails to qualify.

Finally, the common currency's future depends on the readiness of members to indulge in emergency fiscal transfers from the EU budget to which they contribute. This is only likely to work if there is agreement on a radical reform and reduction of the CAP. Certain members oppose this.

These are among the factors that may make the euro at least initially a vulnerable currency which has to be sustained by upward movement in in-

Britain is right to await developments — but must be deeply involved in helping to establish the practical technicalities. We shall, in or out, be vitally interested in their workability.

Yours faithfully, TOMMY MACPHERSON, (President, European Chambers of Commerce, 1992-95), 1 Appoid Street, EC2. December b.

From Mr Rodney Leach

Sir, What exactly is it that we are waiting to see? If the euro promises to be as strong as the Bundesbank wishes, based on strict initial adherence to the Maastricht criteria and a tough stability pact, would we regard this as a plus or a minus? Alternatively, if Italy Spain and Belgium are admitted, flex-ible fiscal policies are allowed and the euro becomes a softer currency, would that encourage or discourage us?

Presumably the Cabinet has views about what would influence its recommendation whether or not to join EMU. If so, these views should be stated, since they concern the single most important issue in British life. As it is, a policy of non-commitment without reference to questions of substance is open to two interpretations, both unwelcome - that it conceals some other policy or that there is in fact no policy at all.

Yours faithfully. RODNEY LEACH. 3 Lombard Street, EC3. December 3.

From Mr Andrew Reid

Sir. it is fallacious for hardcore Eurosceptics to claim that the Government's "wait and see" policy is out of step with the rest of the party.

I know that a significant number of Young Conservatives and Conservative Students, like the majority of the party's grassroots, endorse the Prime Minister's flexible approach to a single currency. Not to make a decision until one has all the facts in place seems eminently sensible and worthy

of a responsible political party. What is irresponsible, even masochistic, is for backbench MPs to call for the Chancellor's head. The most successful Chancellor in 20 years, who has overseen a remarkable transformation in Britain's economic fortunes,

seems a peculiar choice for the chop.
In this pre-election period it would be better for those who represent Conservatives in Parliament to direct their firepower on the Labour Party. That is what true Conservatives want.

Yours faithfully. ANDREW REID (President, Young Conservative Group for Europe). 21 Charlbert Court, Charlbert Street, NW8.

Gregorian precedent

From Professor P. S. Atiyah

Sir. Mr Clarke does well to warn us against staying aloof from European reforms, only to have to join them later with more difficulty. But the precedents for this type of behaviour go back further than he has suggested.

When the Julian Calendar was reformed by Pope Gregory in 1582 Britain refused to have any part of it for nearly 200 years. This delay meant that when we finally did pass the Calendar Act of 1750, we were left with the most absurd fiscal year in the world, starting on April 6. Struggling with self-assessment, I could wish that Mr Clarke would move the beginning of the fiscal year to January I where it more sensibly belongs.

Yours faithfully. P. S. ATTYAH, 75 Main Road, Long Hanborough, Witney, Oxfordshire.

Edward VIII: folly or treason of a monarch in exile?

From Mr Michael Ryan

Sir, Despite the damning wave of new refeases from the Public Record Office confirming in extraordinary detail the truth of Channel 4's two programmes on Edward VIII, (report, December 4). Mr Philip Ziegler still believes the former King was 'a fool, but no traitor" ("Nothing to be done with the playboy Duke", December 4).

The evidence that Edward was a traitor turns on his actions. The programmes can speak for themselves, but let me cite a few examples of his deeds, not just his pro-Nazi opinions. In the winter of 1940, as a military liaison officer in France, Edward reveal-ed wittingly or unwittingly to the Nazis details of the Allied battle plans. Hitler later changed his plan of attack for the invasion of France, choosing the route through the Ardennes.

Edward's cursordinary peregrinations in Spain and Portugal show that he actively encouraged the Nazi plot to return him to the throne. If he was a patriot, why did he not make a public pronouncement dissociating himself rom Hitler's blandishments?

As Governor of the Bahamas, Edward not only expressed pro-Hitler sentiments to the American journalist Fulton Oursler, but persuaded him to visit President Roosevelt to plead his case. The purpose of the mission was to keep America out of the war, and to

Gibraltar's sovereignty

Sir, Your editorial today, "A civilian in

the Convent", is correct in assuming

that the choice of Sir Richard Luce as

our first civilian Governor is a cause

for anxiety in Gibraltar, as is the

manner in which the appointment has

been executed. The fait accompli,

without any consultation with the

locally elected Government of Gibral-

tar, smacks of colonialism and dis-

respect for the wishes of the Gibral-

change from a military man had it

come as part of a wider package of constitutional reform. The Rock's poli-

tical structure dates back to 1969 and

is in sore need of updating, predating as it does both Britain and Gibral-

Sir Richard's own track-record in

relation to the Falkland Islands and

Hong Kong will only serve to send the

wrong signals to Spain. It is regretta-ble indeed that such an historic

tar's entry into Europe in 1973.

This would have been a welcome

tarians.

From Dr Joseph Garcia, Leader

of the Gibraltar National Party

strike a deal with Hitler. Edward expected that "peace" would lead to a popular revolt in Britain, and he would be returned again as King. Thus, at a time when his fel-

low countrymen stood alone, the Duke was running his own pro-Hitler foreign policy from Government House. Where does "folly" end, and "treason" begin?
The release 40 years early of the

PRO papers is to be welcomed. May we now, in this new spirit of glasnost, have access to the royal archives?

MICHAEL RYAN, (Producer, Edward VIII: the Traitor King), Hart Ryan Productions Ltd, 84 Long Lane, SE1.

From Professor Emeritus D. Cameron Watt

Sir, In justice to the Duke of Windsor's name, it must be pointed out that the chances of an "unnamed source with contacts in German-occupied Czechoslovakia" knowing in 1940 of German contacts with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor other than those published in the 1950s are slim.

MI6's prewar network in Germany had been largely wiped out by the progressive loss of its stations in Berlin, Vienna, Prague and The Netherlands

change, breaking with nearly 300 years of tradition, should have come

Yours faithfully. J. GARCIA, Leader, Gibraltar National Party, PO Box 225, 93 Irish Town, Gibraltar.

about in this dictatorial manner

From Mr James Nation

December 4.

Sir, You say that "Gibraltar's sovereignty is not and must not be negoti-able over the heads of the Gibraltarians themselves". Why ever not? We did it to Hong Kong over the heads of Hong Kongers, so what is to stop us doing the same to Gibraltarians?

I have lived in both colonies and urge my Gibraltarian friends to watch these slippery Brits very carefully; my Hong Kong friends will tell you that they are not to be trusted.

Yours faithfully, JAMES NATION. 117 Upper Brook Street. Winchester, Hampshire. December 5.

Music in church

From Mrs Christine Osborne and Mr Ted Salmon

Sir, "Children in church are now a rarity," claims Roger Scruton ("Silent night of our hymns", November 30: letters, December 7). May we, through the courtesy of your columns, invite him to St Barnabas, Dulwich. We have a choir of 67 which in-

cludes 35 children and seven teenagers. One of our choristers was Choirboy of the Year recently and several have gone to choir schools or gained choral scholarships to their universities. The rest of the congregation pulsates with children: we have 170 families registered.

Our choirmaster and organist leads us in choral worship with ancient and modern hymns from a variety of sources which are sung enthusiastically by

all ages. Our children certainly do not "stand in awkward and undignified slience". All aspects of worship draw on the deep tradition of Anglicanism while using contemporary media.

Ten weeks ago we moved into the newest church in the United Kingdom. Our choir are robed in royal blue and scarlet, our pipe organ is be-ing built and will be dedicated on Palm Sunday. Our children have new accommodation for their teaching

We may appear to be blowing our own trumpet. We would rather we all praised God with enthusiasm and

CHRISTINE OSBORNE, St Barnabas Church, Calton Avenue, SE21.

Exeter politics

From Mr Stephen Pettitt

Sir, Dr Adrian Rogers, Conservative prospective candidate for Exeter (letter, December 4; see also letters, December 7), cites the wisdom of the Judgeo-Christian culture (whose condemnation is in any case debatable) as one reason for his own condemnation of homosexual practices.

If Dr Rogers is so strongly convinc-ed of the rightness of Judaeo-Christian thought, he must believe both in a vengeful God and in the tenet of not judging, lest he himself be judged. So hy doesn't he just stay mum, secure in the knowledge that God will make His own decision and banish people like me to the eternal flames come the final reckoning?

Yours sincerely, STEPHEN PÉTTITT. 39 Darwin Road, W5.

From the Chair of the Exeter University Debating Society Sir. Dr Rogers's claim that it is the

Exeter Labour Party that has stimulated this debate is misleading. The Labour candidate for Exeter, Mr Ben Bradshaw, declined to debate this issue before the Exeter University Debating Society and has insisted that he is more than a one-issue campaigner. Dr Rogers, however, did speak and in so doing proceeded to score political points by referring to Mr Bradshaw's

Attempts by the Exeter University Debating Society to remove the debate from a party political level were vetoed by Dr Rogers's refusal to share the platform with Mr David Allen. chairman of the Tory Campaign for Homosexual Equality.

Yours sincerely. GRAHAM D. S. GEE, Chair, Exeter University Debating Society. Devonshire House, Exeter, Devon. December 4.

Yours faithfully,

TED SALMON (Churchwardens),

Workplace bullying

From Mr Graham Allen, MP for Nottingham North (Labour)

Sir, I am glad to see justice has been done ("Clerk wins damages over bullying" later editions, December 3) over one of the increasing number of assaults at work which, I understand, have doubled in the period 1981-91. I hope that cases such as the bully-

ing incident you covered will increase awareness of the problem sufficiently for positive action to be taken by employers. At the very least, violence or bullying must be properly monitored and counselling for victims provided. In the longer term we must ensure that prosecution and sentencing for violence or victimisation at work is a real deterrent.

Yours sincerely, G. W. ALLEN (Shadow Environment Minister Health and Safety), House of Commons December 4.

Writers cramped

From Ms Janet Menzies

Sir, Your column headed The Listener (Media and Marketing, December 4) implies that Daily Express Editor Richard Addis's Christmas drinks party for his staff being held in the canteen is a step down. Under the previous management such festivities always took place in the corridor outside the Editor's office.

Yours faithfully, JANET MENZIES, (Women's Editor, The Daily Express, 1991-93). Brambledown. The Avenue, Westerham, Kent.

December 4.

Letters should earry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

between 1938 and May 1940. Czech Intelligence (and Polish) provided some alternative until our stations in Stockholm, Berne and Ankara were able to build new networks in Germany; but it appears to have been seized on a view of Hitler's dependence on the German military which we now know to have been completely wrong.

Czech political information out of Germany at best represented what its sources thought. The report that the Germans were offering the Duchess the restoration of her husband as a German puppet is, in a word, diplo-matic tittle-tattle from the fringes of the German diplomatic service, if indeed it is nothing more sinister.

Of course, one ringing declaration by the Duke of his faith in his fellow countrymen and in ultimate British victory would have destroyed all the rumours and expectations. The Duke never felt any compulsion so to identify himself with the sentiments of his fellow countrymen. He preferred to play the role of King Zog of Albania, a monarch in exile without a government to support him.

Yours faithfully, D. CAMERON WATT, The London School of Economics and Science. Department of International History, Houghton Street, WC2.

Lords reform

From Professor Rodney Brazier

Sir. The Shadow Lord Chancellor. Lord Irvine of Lairg, is wrong to assume that a Labour government would be able to flood the House of Lords quickly with life peers to overcome resistance to Labour's constitutional legislation (report and article, December 51.

New peers cannot vote until they have been introduced into the House, which is master of its own procedures. Under these procedures, usually not more than two introductions take place on any day. The Conservative majority of peers is unlikely to allow changes to standing orders so as to hasten the demise of hereditary peers. Indeed, in theory it could vote to slow

down the rate of introductions. The Parliament Acts alone provide the mechanism accepted by both Houses as governing any irreconcilable disputes between them over legis-

Yours faithfully, (Professor of Constitutional Law). The University of Manchester, Faculty of Law. Mansfield Cooper Building. Oxford Road, Manchester. December 6.

From Lord Wigoder, QC

Sir, You report today that prominent members of the Labour Party are threatening that a Labour government would create many hundreds of life peers in order to ensure the passage of its proposed reform of the House of Lords.

This it has no power to do. All it can do is to threaten to advise the Queen to make such appointments — a matter entirely for the Royal Prerogative.

Whether by modern constitutional practice the monarch is obliged to act upon a Prime Minister's request which would materially change the composition of one of the Houses of Parliament - unless he has the specific mandate of the electorate following a general election in which the propos al was clearly the principal issue, or possibly a referendum - must be open to serious doubt.

Yours sincerely. WIGODER. House of Lords. December 5.

What's in a name?

From Mr Tim Bullamore

Sir, I was both flattered and embarrassed to be greeted by a French musi-cian I had been assigned to meet at Heathrow airport with the words: Ah, you must be Monsieur Belle-Amour" fletters, November 14, 21, 26, 30, December 7).

Yours humbly, TIM BULLAMORE, 25 Brock Street, Bath. December 7.

From Mr William Warre

Sir, A fellow member of the Institute of Masters of Wine, Michael Peace, once invited me to join him in partnership.

This never happened, so saving Tolstoy from turning in his grave.

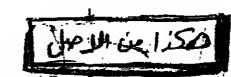
Yours faithfully. WILLIAM WARRE. 41 Ridgway Place, SW19.

From Mr Graham Roberts

Sir, A few years ago, at a local health authority summer garden party, I introduced Mr Frank Carnall, OBE, to a friend of mine as Mr Knowledge. Word association has its perils.

Yours faithfully. GRAHAM ROBERTS. Merrie Meade. 24 Allanson Road. Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay, Conwy. December 5.







COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 7: The Prince Edward this afternoon attended the rugby football match between Barbarians and Australia at Twickenham, Middlesex.

Birthdays today

Mrs Beverly Anderson, education consultant and broadcaster. 55; Miss Joan Armatrading, singer, 46; Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP, 54; Mr Billy Bremner, footballer, 54; Mr Buly Brenner, Roomer chairman, CEGB, 86: Miss Susan Bullock, soprano, 38: Sir John Burgh, former president, Trinity College, Oxford, 71: Professor Lord Currie of Marylebone, 50: Mr Mercan Davise former rughy Mervyn Davies, former rugby player, 50: Dame Judi Dench, actress, 62: Mr Kirk Douglas actor, 80: Mr Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., KBE, actor, 87: Judge Dawn Freedman, 54: Mr Benty Green, purities and broadcaster. musician, writer and broadcaster, 69; Mr F.G. Hankins, former chairman, Fitch Lovell, 70; Mr Robert Hawke, former Prime Min-Robert Hawke, former Prime Min-ister of Australia, 67: Professor Gabriel Horn, Master, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, 69: Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, former presi-dent, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 70: Dame Elisabeth Legge-Schwarzkopf, opera singer, 81: Ms Julia C, Lomas, public trustee and chief esecutive, Public Trust Office Executive Asserce, 42: Mr. John Executive Agency, 42: Mr John Malkovich, actor, 43: Sir Michael Mann, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, 66: Lord Morris, 59: Miss Isobel Poole, Sheriff of the Lothian and Borders, 55: Lord Rees, QC, 70; Sir Peter Smithers, former MP, 83: Miss Rim Stephen, trade unionist. 71: Miss Joanna Trollope,

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: John Milton, poet, London, 1608; Johann Winckelmann, archaeologist, Stendal, Germany, 1717; Carl Scheele, chemist, discoverer of oxygen, Stralsund, Germany, 1742; Claude Louis Berthollet, chemist, Talloires, Savoy, 1748; James Hogg, writer, the "Ettrick Shepherd", Ettrick Forest, Selkirkshire, baptised on this day, 1770; Prince Peter Kropotkin, geographer and Peter Kropotkin, geographer and anarchist, Moscow, 1842; George Grossmith. co-author of The Diary of a Nobody. London, 1847; Joel Chandler Harris, journalist, author of Uncle Remus, Easonton, Georgia, 1848; Richard Austen Butler, Lord Butler of Saffron Walden ordining the Processing Saffron Walden ordining Saffron Saffron Walden ordining Saffron Saffron Walden ordining Saffron Walden, politician, Attock Serai, India, 1902.

DEATHS: Sir Anthony van Dyck, painter, London, 1641; Sir Arthur Pearson, press proprietor, London, 1921; Dame Edith Sitwell, poet, London, 1964; Karl Barth, theolo-gian, Basie, 1968; Ralph Johnson Bunche, diplomar, Nobel peace laureate 1950, New York, 1971. The first episode of Coronation

Street was screened on ITV, 1960. Lech Walesa was elected President of Poland, 1990. Today's royal

engagement The Duke of Kent, as president, will attend a lecture at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, Whitehall, at 1230.

University news

Kingston University Miss Galina Povazhnaya opened Dorich House at Kingston University on Wednesday, December 4. Among those present were: Lord Howle of Troon, Sir Frank Lampi, Sir Peter and Lady Middleton, Dr and Mrs Robert Smith, Mr Trader Faulkner, Ms Dorothy Tutin, Ms Beryl Gordin and Mr David and Mrs Sally Brown.



Choristers rehearse Once in Royal David's City for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve. One will be picked as soloist but by tradition will be told only moments before he is to sing

Nature notes

FLOCKS of siskins have been driven south by the weather from Scotland, and are feeding on the seeds in the black alder cones. The males are small green birds with a forked tail, and a black cap that looks as if it needs combing. Goldfinches often feed with them, while sometimes a straying siskin can be found with a flock of gold-finches. With so many blackheaded gulls inland in December, there are often aerial battles between them and carrion crows, with two or three guils swooping on their enemy. A crow, in turn, will often pursue a kestrel, or even dive down, rather riskily, on a flying heron.

ford ragwort still bring a little colour into the roadside verges. This southern European flower first escaped from the Botanic Gardens in Oxford and made its way along. railway lines until it is now one of the commonest flowers



The siskin

in England. Its small relative, the groundsel, is also in flower here and there. Brown foliage clings to small beech trees, some of the leaves still green at the tip. In damp places the leaves of next year's cow parsiey and browned tvy already coming up dily. DJM are sturdily.

The yellow flowers of Ox- Feather Reports: A Chroniof Bird Life from the Pag of The Times, by Derwent May, is obtainable post free at the special price of £10.95 from The Times Book Offer FT603, PO Box 345, Falmouth TRIL 2YX (tel 0990 134 459, 24

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December 6th, peacefully at the United Beamont, after a sense of strokes. Heatbard of Hill, father of Jenny (Watkins), Sue (Love), grandpa of Jerny, Sarah and Rachel. Private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to M.S.P.C.C., 42 Curtain Rd, London ECZA. JUH, Manachi Coccart to be atmosped in the New Year.

MADDEM - Jack died peacefully at home on December 5th. Dearly loved husband, father, brother, steptisher and gamdhither. Family cremation. No flowers. Donations to the British Heart Foundation. Memorial service at St. Thomas & Becket, Warblington Havant, Tuesday, December 17th at Inc.

1996, late of Sydney, NSW, Australia. Dearly loved wife of Saint Leger, Mother of John and Margle, Nana of Hillary and Countin Aged His ware.

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Memorial service Rabbi Hugo Gryn

Rabbi Hugo Gryn
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Rabbi Hugo Gryn. Senior Rabbi of the West London Synagogue of British Jews and President of the Reform Synagogues of Great British, was held yesterday at the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, and video relayed to the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St John's Wood Road. Rabbi Jacqueline Tablck, of the West London Synagogue, officiated.

Dr M.A. Zaki Bedawi, representing the Muslim Community, Mr Michael Buerk, representing the BBC's Moral Mass, Sir Martin Gilbert, Rabbi Mare, Sir Martin Gilbert, Rabbi Dikk Hirsch, Executive Director of the World Union of Progressive Judalsm, Father Oliver McTernan, the Bishop of Bath and Wells and His Honour Alan King-Hamilton, QC, Life President of the West London Synagogue, Mr G. David Leuw, president, and Mr Jeoff Samson, chairman, paid tribute. Others present included:

Mri Gryn (widow), Mr and Mrs David Gryn (sion and daughter-in-law), Mrs Gabrielle Massey, Misc Marielle Gryn (daughters), Mr and Mrs John Sellor Gryn (daughters), Mr and Mrs John Sellor Gryn (daughters), Mr and Mrs John Sellor Grater (and the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, the Swiss Ambassador and Mrae Nordmann, the Ambassador of Israel and many congregants of the West London Synagogue.

Show goes on after theatre's £8m refit

BY JOHN SHAW

THE Arts Theatre in Cambridge, which has nurtured the careers of generations of celebrated performers, reopened last night after a 312year facelift costing £8.25 million.

The gala evening, to thank fundraisers, will be followed by Robert Lepage's one-man version of Hamlet, opening Barry Browa, 51, the archi-

tect responsible for the improvements and a former president of the Footlights Revue, said modernisation had been designed to retain "the aimosphere of a building that is very special to Cambridge". The stage has been extended and seating increased from 640 to 680.

The theatre was founded in 1936 by John Maynard Keynes, the economist, when

he was bursar at King's College. Keynes donated his ewn money to build the theatre opposite the college. He was joined by Dr George "Dadie" Rylands, now 95, a Fellow of King's, who was chairmen from 1946 to 1982. He was a guest of honour last

night. In the early years Fonteyn danced Swan Lake, Britten conducted The Turn of the Screw, and Ashcroft played Ophelia opposite Gielgud's

Rylands's Mariowe Society included a spring of household names including Sir Peter Hall, Trevor Nunn and Sir Derek Jacobi. The annual Footlights Revue has aunched the careers of Jonathan Miller, Peter Cook, John Cleese, Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, Fry. Hugh Laurie and Emma Thompson.

Marriages

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Forthcoming

Mr T.G. Bartleet The engagement is announced between Orahame; son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Bartleet, of Goodameavy, Devon, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.T.G. Bone, of Twickenham, Middleses.

Mr P.A.E. Cranwell and Miss C.E. Richardson

The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alex Cranwell, of Harrow, Middlesex, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Richardson, of Redbridge.

Mr J.E.H. Prancis and Miss LA. Rossil

The engagement is announced between John, only son of the Rev and Mrs Noël Francis, of Hootey, York, and Lelia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Brassil, of Ennis, County Clare.

Mr R.W. Goldsbrough and Mile G.C.S. North

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and between Rechard, son of Mr and Mrs Bill Goldsbrough, of West Lavington, Wiltshire, and Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony North, of Chisel-hurston, Johannesburg.

Mr M.R. Smith and Miss E. Howard

the engagement is announced between Martin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Smith, of Skegness, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Howard, of Cadeam, South

Mr O.J. Toogood
and Mine R.C. Plane.
The engagement is announced
between Oliver, youngest son of
Mr and Mrs James Toogood, of
Malmesbury, and Rachel, elder
daughter of Lieuneant Colonel
John Flood, retd, and Mrs Flood,
of Winetesser.

Dinners

Old Bedfordians Cheb
Mr K. Srinivasan (OB 47-54),
Deputy Commonwealth Secretary:
General (Policial), was the guest of
honour at the annual dianer of the
Old Bedfordians Club held on
Saturday at Bedford School. Mr
J.G.P. Crowden (OB 41-46), president, was in the chair. dent, was in the chair.

Edinburgh Morayshire Club Mr James Goodsman, CBE, pre-sided at the Autumn Dinner of the Edinburgh Morayshire Club held at the New Club Edinburgh on December 3. The guest was the Right Rev Mario Couti, Bishop of Aberdeen. The Mormaer, Brodie of Brodie strended. Others present

Mr Robin Angus, Mr Michael Praser, Sir Patrick Grant, St. Mr David Houldsworth of Dallas, the Hon Mark Laing, Mr Timothy, Laing, Mr Charles Maciean, Mr Angus Miller, Mr Simon Miller, Mr John Refferty and Mr Alestair Pilichia

Service dinner

Major-General M.C.M. Steele. Honorary Colonel 104 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers), was dined-out on Saturday by Officers at Regian Barracks, Newport. Colonel N.A. Jones, Deputy Com-mander 160 (Wales) Brigade was among those present.

FLIGHTS

The Hoz F.W. Campbell The marriage took place on Sat-urday at Holy Trinity, Brompton, of the Hon Frederick William

Campbell, younger son of the late Thane of Cawdor and of Cathryn Countess Cawdor, to Miss Katherine Barrett, third daughter of Mr Richard Barrett, of Dallas, Texas, and of Mrs Jennifer Barrett, of Fulham. The Rev Sandy Millar officiated.

The bride, who was given in The bride, who was given in marriage by Her father, was attended by Storm Athill, Atticus Athill, Mrs Sarah Jackson, Miss Nicola Hinson and Dr Jessica Opie Earl Cawdor was best man. A reception was held at the RAC Clab, Pall Mail.

Colonel T.M. Fitzalan Howard and Miss J.M. Don

and Miss LM. Don
A service of blessing was held on Sannday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, North Elmhana, Northolk, after the marriage of Colonel Thomas. Michael Fitzalan Howard, son of Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard and the late Lady Michael Fitzalan Howard, to Miss Joanna Mary Don, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Don, of North Elmham. The Ven Edwin Ward officiated, assisted by Edwin Ward officiated, assisted by the Rev Michael O'Malley and the Rev Noel Tewkesbury,

Mr M.R.D. Cornell Mr. M. R. D. Cornell

sel Miss L.E. Gordon Lessos

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Priory Church of St

Mary and St Blaise, Bosgrove, of

Mr Mark Cornell, son of Brigadier and Mrs John Cornell, to Miss Lucy Gordon Lennox, daughter of Lord and Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox. The Right Rev John Satterthwaite officiated, assisted

Satterthwaite officiated, assisted by Canon Jereny Haselock.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father was attended by Thomas Calderott, Frederick Caldecott, Rufus Caldecott, Albert Lindsell, Lord Settrington. Miranda Saveley, Hannah Fleming and Eliza Wake.

A reception was field at Goodwood House and the honeymoon will be specif abroad.

moon will be spent abroad.

Mr E.J. Ambrose and Dr S.H. Otton and Dr. S.H. Ottom
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 7, at the Temple
Church, London, of Mr. Etsan,
Arabrose, only son of Dr. and Mrs.
James Ambrose, of North Comel,
Argyll, to Dr. Sophie Otton, only
daughter of Sir Philip and Lady
Otton, of Fulham, London, Canon
Joseph Robinson: officiated aseffected by Canon Barner Million.

sisted by Canon Barney Milligan.
The bride, who was given inmarriage by her father, was sitended by Alexandra Cheatle, Dr
Lucy Ambrose and Miss Charlotte

Hawthorn, Mr Stephen Gibbs was best man. A reception was held at the Reform Club and the honeymoon will be spent in southerny

Mr A.J. Moran and Miss J.M. Pulsy

The marriage took place on Saturday at Chelsea Old Church of Mr Andrew Moran, som of the late Mr Joseph Moran, QC, and of Mrs Moran, of Wimbledon, to Miss Jessica Pulay, elder daughter of the late Mr George Pulay and of Lady Harman, of Chelsea. The Rev Dr Peter Elvy and Father Gerard Waknisley, SJ, officialed.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Sir Jeremiah Harman, stepfather, was attended by Oliver Cairns, Atalandi Dixon, Joseph Richards and Miss Henriena Clayson. Mr Anthony Stone was best man.

A reception was held at the Victoria and Albert Museum and the honeymoon will be spent

Mr S.B. Andread

Mr S.E. Andreae
and Miss LJ Beer
The marriage took place on Saturday. December 7, at St Luke's
Church, Chelsea, of Mr Sinon
Edward Andreae and Miss Lisa
Jane Beer. The Rev Gerald
Beauchamp officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by har father, was artended by Nicola Wing, Clemantine and Isabella Stanley, Camilla Everington and Max Morgans. Mr Giles Edward-Andreae was best man.

Mr J.H. Garres-Cox

The marriage took place on Sat-urday. December 7, in St Peter's. Winchester, of Mr Jeremy Garrett-Cox, elder son of Mr and Mrs Martin Garrett-Cox, of Shrubhill, pear Dunblane, Perthshire, to Miss Katherine Jenkins, daughter of Mr Timothy Jenkins, of Crockerhill, West Sussex, and Mrs Andrew Muir, of Itchen Lodge, Hampshire. Father Christopher Corbally, SJ, officiated, assisted by Canon Peter Doyle and the Rev

Shart Course.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Mrs Richard Ellis, Emma Corbaily, Lettie Tyrwhitt, Sophle, George and Frederick Lane Fox and Freddle Gardner, Dr Robin Gardiner, Dr Robin Gardner, Course bear traces.

reti-Cox was best man:
A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr T.R.S. Cole

and Min G. Powell The marriage took place in London at: Chelsea Register Office on Saturday, December 7, of Mr Toby Coke and Miss Georgia Powell.

Latest wills

Josephine Eppres Theorpe, of Braunton, Devon, left estate val-ued at £1,006,902 set. John Trevor Boos, of London W2, left estate valued at \$1,008,500 net. Gordon James Pairbairn Mackay, of London WS, left estate valued at

Edith Beryl Altehison, of Ryde, isle of Wight, left estate valued at £1.014,000 pet. Peter John Swales, of Bowdon, Cheshire, left estate valued at £2,295,574 net.

Kathleen Mitchell; of Brixworth. Northampton, left estate valued at E1,468.350 net. She left £5,000 to Northampton

Opens Institute Actiof in Sickness Fund. Arthur John Scarlett Rodwell, of Sutton, south London, left estate valued at £1,016,707 net.
He left £5,000 to the RNLL.

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Rena Mary Brotherton Ratcliffe, of Lindfield, West Sussex, left estate valued at £2,286,221 net. T SCOTT IN l, of Mursica Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at E1,319,173 net. Thomas King Fairclough, of Churt, Surrey, left estate valued at Eleonore Ida Capita, of London NW3, left estate valued at

£1,496,946 met. £2,842.653 net.

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Elizabeth (née Hepburn) am John, a son David James.

1996, to Anna (née Salvin) and Christopher, a son, Alexander Marcos Edward

MASTON - On December 4th 1996, to Srights (note Sach) and Timothy, a son, William Frederick, a brother for Benjamin.

MOLSON - On Friday, 6th December, to Verena (née Cayse) and Ian, a daughter, a sister for Edward and Natasha and never forget-ting Camilla, forever in our librogitta.

BALLANTINE - Matthew

Funeral service at Ciydebank Cremstorium near Delmotrar, Gasgow at 10:30 am Tuesday 10th December, no flowers or letters planse.

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ERETT - Raymond Laurence,
Emeritus Professor of
English, Hall University. On
6th December, aged 79,
suddenly, beloved nusband
of Kirty, father of David and
the late John Dear father-inlaw, brother and loving
grandfather of Thomas,
james, Caristopher, Mark,
Endly and Pater. Service in
5t. Mary's Church,
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December 12th at 1pm
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DOUGLAS - Sir Robert McCallum Douglas, O.S.E., Honourary Hon.D.Sc., peacefully on 7th December 1996 in his 98th year. Much loved and respected father, grandiather and great grandiather. President of Tilbury Douglas Pic. Pract. Immat. St. Mary's Church, Douglas, near Barton under Nectwood, Staffonfairles on Priday, 13th December at 2.30 pm. Family flowers

Friday, 13th December at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to \$1 Mary's Parochial Church Council 60 Mr E Hardy, Tressurer, 71 Scalpclisse Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire. A memorial service will be held in the New year. Date and venus to be amnounced.

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God grant that I may speak according to his will, and that my own thoughts may be worthy of his gifts, for THANKSGIVING FOR SALE SPECIALISTS SERVICES 1996, at home, Cherles 1996, at home, Cherles 1996, at home, Cherles 1990 Bloom Bloom 1997. Seloved husband of Heather, loving father and grandfather. Greation private. A service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held at 8. John's Church, Hyde Park Crescent, London W2, on Wednesday 18th December 1996 at 3.30pm. BOSERTS - Bryan Clieve ECM QC. Beloved hasband o MORNING SUITS IALL - Dame Catherine Mary DRE A Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of

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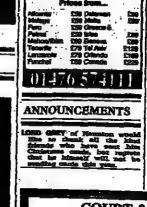
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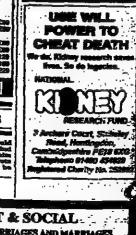
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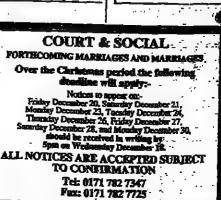
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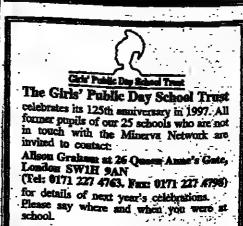


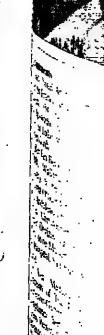












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OBITUARIES

Sir Basil Nield, CBE, Justice of the High Court, Queen's Bench Division. 1960-78, and MP for Chester 1940-56, died on December 4 aged 93. He was born on May 7, 1903.

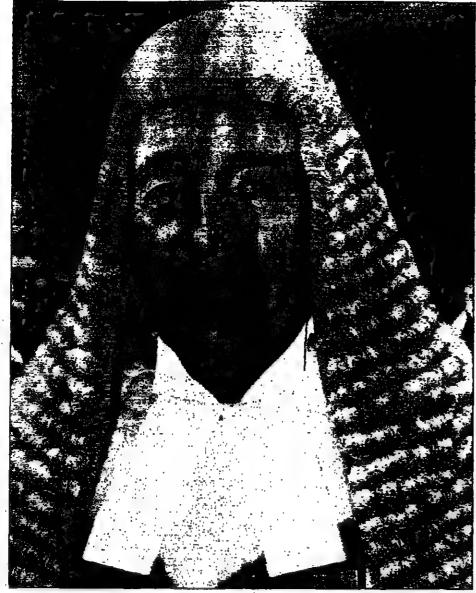
he last former Conservative MP to be raised to the High Court bench, and the only such judge to have presided at all the 61 historic assize towns in England and Wales before the assize system was abolished in 1972, Basil Nield had a long and distinguished life of service to the law, politics, the Church and the

Army.

The son of Charles Edwin Nield of Upton-by-Chester, a solicitor and district Court Nield Nield of the Liverpool High Court Registry, Basil Edward Nield was educated at Harrow, of which school he served as a governor, 1961-71, and at Magdalen College, Oxford, before being called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1925. He entered the chambers in

Liverpool of Egerton Stuart Brown and joined the Northern Circuit, where it quickly became obvious that he was destined for success at the Bar. His advocacy was marked by an unfailing courtesy, and he soon became a popular choice among the local solicitors and a well-liked member of the circuit, in which he held such offices as Junior, Messenger and Crier. The latter two are connected with certain timehonoured rituals in the circuit Bar mess; the posts have existed since James Boswell held them in the 18th century. Boswell also served as Junior, bearing the same responsibility that Nield did for keep-

ing the circuit's records. His practice grew rapidly and later he entered the chambers in Liverpool of David Maxwell Pyfe, later as Lord Kilmuir to become a Tory Lord Chancellor. He and his wife Sylvia became Nield's closest friends. At the age of 42 in 1945 he made a successful implication for silk, after which there began to open up SIR BASIL NIELD



in front of him those appointments and privileges which usually come to a leader who is a sound and accurate advocate with a meticulous regard for the ethical rules of his

He was elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple in 1952, was Recorder of Salford, 1948-56, then Recorder and first permanent judge of the Crown Court

In 1940 he became the Conservative Member of Parliament for Chester, and represented that constituency for 16 unbroken years, during which time he sponsored as a Private Member's Bill the Adoption of Children Act. 1949. He was honorary parliamentary chairman of the Docks and Harbour Authorities Association, a member of the Home Secretary's Adv-

isory Committee on the Treat-

ment of Offenders, a member of the Magistrates' Rules Committee, and vice-president of the National Chamber of Trade and the Graduate Teachers' Association.

In 1938, anticipating as others did the outbreak of war, he had joined the Officers Emergency Reserve, being commissioned into a captain's rank in 1940. In 1941 he served as a major at GHQ MEF, later being on the HQ staffs of East

Africa Force, Abyssinia, Palestine and Syria.

In 1942 he was president of the Palestine Military Courts in Jerusalem, and in 1943 served on HQ staffs in Persia and Iraq as a lieutenantcolonel. He was mentioned in disputches when serving as Deputy Judge Advocate-Gen-eral to Middle Eastern Forces. At the time of D-Day, and throughout the advance through France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Germany, he was on the HQ staff of the Second Army.

Halfway through his time on the High Court bench he wrote an entertaining book, Farewell to the Assizes (1972) in which he described the changes effected by the Courts Act 1971 in the system of trial by the High Court at Assizes which had existed since the Assize of Clarendon in 1166. The book, he declared in a graceful dedication to her, was written at the instigation of his sister Beryl. (Between brother and sister, there was, as all their friends realised, an unusually close affinity.)

He was extremely proud of his distinction in having sat in all the assize towns, and liked to recount how it had taken him ten years to get to Bury St Edmunds and complete his "full house".

A keen Anglican, he was a member of the Church Assembly Legal Board (1952-56), of the special committee under Reorganisation Areas measure for the Province of York, and Chancellor of the

diocese of Liverpool, 1948-56. Nield became a JP of the County Palatine of Lancaster in 1956, DL for the County of Chester in 1962, and Freemason of the City of London in 1963. He was appointed MBE (mill) in 1943 and advanced to CBE in 1956. But perhaps the mark of recognition which gave him the greatest delight was when he became Treasur-

er of the Inner Temple in 1977. His last years were spent at the King Edward VII Convalescent Home for Officers at Osborne House in the Isle of Wight. He was unmarried.

EDDIE HARRIS

Eddie Harris, jazz saxophonist and composer, died in Los Angeles on November 5 aged 60. He was born in Chicago on October 20.

COMMERCIAL success came early to Eddie Harris, when at the age of 25, within a few months of his release from military service, he produced an album based on the theme from Ono Preminger's film Exodus. The disc, Exodus Into Jazz, sold more than two million copies, and in its wake Harris produced six further albums, paving the way to a successful recording contract with Atlantic during the 1960s and 1970s. This cemented his position in the public imagination as a pure-toned jazz saxophonist who pioneered the electrification of his instrument and successfully created a style of jazz-funk that has since been widely imitated. Yet Harris had too restless a

creative imagination and too inventive a personality to setthe for a single style of music. He maintained parallel careers as a conventional tenor saxophonist flouring until recently with a quartet and playing small jazz clubs); as the inventor of a range of hybrid electronic and acoustic instruments; and as a composer of distinction.

To modern ears, his pioneering efforts with the Varitone (a device which processed the sound of the saxophone and allowed Harris to play in octaves with himself) are laughably unsophisticated. But in the late 1960s he was at the cutting edge of technology, and pieces like his Listen Here from The Electrifying Eddie Harris album, recorded in 1967, reveal a beautifully crafted electric sax solo over a gentle but persistent funk rhythm. His other experiments were more eccentric and included an electronic rhythm box and various brass instruments with reed mouth-

pieces (and vice versa), none of which caught on. Harris grew up in Chicago, where he attended the Du



Sable High School, and led his own groups from an early age. Herbie Hancock, four years younger than Harris and still at high school, played in one of these. After gaining experi-ence with the saxophonist Gene Ammons and in a US Army orchestra. Harris returned to Chicago to work as a

professional musician. He composed much that he recorded, and Freedom Jazz Dance from a record called in the Sound was orchestrated by Gil Evans for a Californian big band in 1966. Later the same year, as a result, Evans's long-term associate Miles Davis recorded the piece with his quintet for the Miles Smiles album, establishing Harris as the composer of one of the most enduring standards in modern jazz.

Jazz purists derided Harris for his electronic experiments and for a commercially successful partnership with the planist Les McCann, which gave him his second millionseller in 1969. Despite his long-term affiliations with creative Chicago musicians such as Muhal Richard Abrams, Harris was criticised for having a "white" tone. "I play in tune and hit my notes right on the head and phrase them properly. Is that what you call white?" he once protested.

His live performances and recordings were so varied that critics seldom agreed on his virtues, although all agreed that he had virtues. When he gave up his funk band because "I was losing all my jazz fans from the Sixties", Harris discovered that he had lost both of his audiences. "I began to see people following my footsteps," he wrote. "It took Miles Davis till 1980 to go funk. meanwhile I'm back straight

ahead, starving." Through hard work and a series of commendable latterday albums, Harris staved off starvation. London audiences were treated to a visit from him in 1994 when he was reunited with Les McCann. Harris defended his idiosyncratic career, recalling that he had built it on the advice of Billie Holiday whom he knew while she was in decline: "No matter how good you sound, somebody's going to dislike you. No matter how bad you sound, somebody's going to like it. It's what you like that

EDMUND CASWELL

Edmund Caswell, artist. died of cancer on December | aged 58. He was born on August 12,

EDMUND CASWELL could

have left no more fitting memorial than the 72st Peter Pan mural at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. Nothing he painted reflected more his warmth and ebullience. He was in his forties when he trained at Hornsey Art School as a painter, and in his final year began the mural that influenced so much of his work. Seven years later, after long building delays, he worked through the night for months to complete it in time to celebrate the passing of the Bill in 1988 which restored the Peter Pan royalties to the hospital for ever.

He was ever the perfectionist, never accepting that he

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he returned to Great Ormand Street three years ago and spent seven weeks freshening the colours of his mural in readiness for the reopening of the hospital by the Princess of

Wales. Caswell, great grandson of a Scottish doctor who went to India in the last century, spent his first seven years in Bangalore before the family came to England. At 13 he received a scholarship to Coventry School of Art, but his love of horses took him to agricultural college in Oxford, a degree in animal husbandry and an early career in farming, before he finally studied fine arts.

From 1990, when his wife Henny King organised the celebrations marking Dun-dee's 800th anniversary, he

had finished a work to his lived and worked in Scotland, satisfaction, always ready to devoting much of the last two return to it for a fresh look. It years to Robert Burns, In was characteristic of him that January this year his 13 pictures based on Tam o' Shanter were exhibited at the Houses of Parliament and one of his drawings was featured in a Burns exhibition at the Royal Museum of Scotland.

His Victorian style picture book on Peter Pan was launched at Kirriemuir, J. M. Barrie's birthplace. It has sold more than 80,000 copies and has been translated into five languages. The paint-ings which illustrated the book were shown at the Museum of Childhood in Edinburgh before being presented to Kirriemuir two years ago.

Caswell's last painting was of Christ and Mary Magdalene for St Mary Magdalene's Church in Dundee. He is survived by his wife and her four children.

Georges Duby, French historian, died at his home in Alven-Provence on December 2 aged 77. October 7, 1919

WHAT is historical discourse if not the expression of the historian's personal reaction when confronted with the scattered vestiges of his emotion, or rather his dream? For, inevitably, he must dream. Be rigorous, but dream."

Those far from dry-as-dust words, delivered in an inter-view with Le Monde nearly four years ago, may help to explain the remarkable popularity, both in France and beyond, of the great medievalist Georges Duby. Although there were many contrasts between them — not least in the fields they covered — he may perhaps be compared to A. J. P. Taylor in his ability to inspire enthusiasm for history in the non-specialist.

Duby nevertheless was the product of his own backround. He was an eminent, if not typical, upholder of a highly influential French tradition which sought to extend the scope of historical analysis from politics and great events to social structures and men-talities. "Social history," he wrote, "is the whole of history." But he also had a unique gift for inhabiting and making real the texture of the periods he evoked.

That talent for vivid evocation, together with a shrewd understanding of modern methods of publicity, helped to give his work unusually broad appeal. A fine and prolific writer, in France he did more than almost anyone else to stimulate popular interest in history. He was a familiar

figure on radio and television, and his books -- fastidious and accomplished works of scholarship though they are were as likely to be found on coffee tables as on library shelves. Translations carried

France.

his reputation far beyond

Georges Michel Claude Duby was born in Paris, the son of a craftsman who specialised in cleaning and dyeing feathers. He spent his school years in Macon, and preferred the nearby university of Lyons to the highly regarded institutions of the capital. It was as a student there that he switched from geography to history and discovered the work of Lucien Febvre, Marc Bloch and the

other historians grouped around the journal Annales. Both his own training and the ideas of the Annalistes informed his view that "a society, like a landscape, is a system whose structure and development is determined by a multiplicity of factors, [and] that the relations between these factors are not those of cause and effect but of correlations and interference". He wanted, he said, to put himself "inside the skin of the men and women of the Middle Ages".

In 1949 he had completed his doctoral thesis on medieval society in southern Burgundy and was made a junior fellow at Lyons. In 1951, after a brief professorship in Besancon, he moved on to the University of Aix-en-Provence. He would continue to live near by for the rest of his life, even after taking up the chair of history at the Collège de France in Paris from 1970 to 1992, where his lectures drew large and often fashionable crowds.

GEORGES DUBY



Among his many French and international honours, he was elected to the Académie Française in June 1987, becoming its first historian member since Fernand Braudel, and was appointed a Commander of the Legion of Honour. He was an associate member of

the British Academy.

After an erudite and wideranging study of Rural Economy and Country Life in the Medieval West (Paris, 1962; London 1968), Duby moved on to a three-volume history of medieval art which included what remains one of his bestknown books. L'Europe des cathédrales. This was to grow into Le Temps des cathédrales (The Age of the Cathedrals: Art and Society 980-1420. 1976), which was adapted for French television with great 5UCX:55. Art had always been one of

Duby's chief interests. A painter himself (and a good friend of the artist Pierre Soulages). he excelled at drawing out the historical implications of form. He was also one of the first historians to take a close interest in the cultural possibilities of the mass media, and was the chairman of France's new "cultural" channel. La Sept (now Arte), in the late 1980s.

Over the years, Duby's range continued to broaden. He had always excelled at bringing his arguments to life with a telling anecdote or a vividly recounted incident,

and he eventually channelled those narrative skills into the study of precisely those famous "historic events" which he had once done so much to play down in favour of complex,

long-term developments.
This change of approach resulted in what many French historians consider his finest book, Le dimanche de Bouvines (1973: translated into English as The Legend of Bouvines, 1990), an account part narrative, part analysis of the crucial battle in July 1214 that strengthened the French monarchy against the Holy Roman Empire.

In addition to his own copious production (some thirty books), Duby was also an active editor, working on histories of rural France, two histories of France (one with Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie). and a History of Private Life.

Another ambitious project.

undertaken with Michelle Perrot, and with the encouragement of his wife Andrée. herself an historian, was the multivolume Histoire des Femmes. As Duby's fellow historian Jacques Le Goff observed, "there was something almost tragic for him in the silence of history about women, and the silence of women in history". His last books were attempts to conjure up the substance of these elusive existences".

To that task, as ever, he brought the combination of rigour and sympathy. Served by a fine prose style, that has inspired French commentators to couple his name with that of the great 19th-century historian Michelet. He is survived by his wife,

whom he married in 1942, and by their son and two daughters.

Church news

The Rev Nigel Anstey, Team-Vicar, St Francis and St Clare, lpswich (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Team Vicar, St Luke, Walthamstow (Cheimsford). The Rev Ian Beckwith, Curate

(NSM), Wallingford Team Ministry: to be also LNSM Training Officer for the Berkshire Archdeaconry (Oxford). Canon Christopher Bryant, Rector, Devizes St John and St Mary: to be Master, St Nicholas' Hospital, Salisbury (Salis-

bury). The Ven Michael Bucks, Chaptain of The Fleet and Director-General, Naval Chaplaincy Services: to be Team Rector, Shaston Team Ministry (Salisbury). The Rev Madeline Bulman,

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South Kilworth and Misterton

(Leicester).
The Rev Timothy Codling.
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Virgin, North Shoebury: to be Vicar, St John the Baptist, Tilbury Docks (Chelmsford). The Rev Shann Conlon, Assistant Curate, St Mary and St Margaret, Castle Bromwich (Birmingham): to be Assistant . Curate, Hockerill (St Albans). The Rev Linda Currell, Assis-

be Priest-in-charge, Wooburn Wells (Rochester): to be Team (Oxford). The Rev Richard Vicar, St Stephen's, Walthamstow, in the Team Ministry of St Mary w St Stephen, Wal-thamstow, and Chaplain to YMCA Walthamstow

(Chelmsford). The Rev Julian Davey, formerly Priest-in-charge, The Win-terbournes and Compton Valence: to be Team Vicar, Marshwood Vale Team Min-

istry (Salisbury).
The Rev Sally Davies, Curate,
St Paul's, East Molsey
(Guildford): to be Senior Curate, Chalfont St Peter, w special responsibility for All Saints, Oval Way (Oxford). The Rev Victor Dickinson, Vicar, The Ascension, Kenton (Newcastle): to be Vicar, Ford and Etal and Lowick and Kyloe w Ancroft, same diocese:

Vicar, St Paul's, Glasshoughton: to be full-time Hospital Chaplain for the Pontefract Hospitals NHS Trust (Wakefield). The Rev Jonathan Foster, Chaplain, Chantilly St Peter.

France (Europe): to be Vicar, Branksome St Clement (Salis-Canon Murray Haig. Team Rector, Cramlington: to be

Priest-in-charge. Alnwick (Newcastie). The Right Rev Peter Hall, formerly Area Bishop of Woolwich (Southwark): to be Honorary Assistant Bishop in the diocese of Birmingham. The Rev Alistair Heagerty

Chaptain to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst: to be Team Vicar, Kingswood (Bristol). The Rev David Humphrey, Assistant Curate, Thundersley (Chelmsford): to be Vicar,

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SAVOY THEATRE. The Gondoliers: or the King of Baratar-

ia, the new opera by Mr Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan, was received on Satur-day night with such hearty and unanimous approbation as to make it easy to augur that it will be long before the next of the series is required. If a position among the best of the joint authors' productions be ultimately accorded to the new work, as will probably be the case, it will be due less to any remarkable originality or interest in the plot than to the dialogue, which is in Mr. Gilbert's very best style, and the bright and sparkling music, some of which is quite irresistible in its melodious gaiety, while all is, as usual, spontaneous, refined, and thoroughly characteristic of the composer.

The facts of the story appear to be as follows (we undertake their relation with extreme diffidence):- The infant son of the King of Barataria, after being contracted in marriage to the daughter of a Castilian hidalgo, is "changed at

ON THIS DAY

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This review occupied more than a column and a half with occasional extracts from the libretto, totalling more than 1,700 words, tightly printed.

nurse" for the son of his foster-mother, who at the time when the action of the piece takes place (1750) has become the wife of "a highly respectable and oldestablished brigand, who carries on an extensive practice in the mountains around Cordova." ... The author has constructed a libretto which even he has rarely surpassed in whimsical absurdity. Mr Gilbert is a privileged person, and none but the most captious of critics will resent his allowing the Spanish Inquisitor, a functionary who rejoices in

the name of Don Alhambra del Bolero (Mr. W. H. Denny), to reside, to all appearances permanently, in the Ducal Palace at Venice, and there to receive the state visit of an impoverished nobleman, the Duke of Plaza-Toro (Mr. F. Wyatt), who arrives with his Duchess (Miss Brandram), their daughter Casilda (Miss Decima Moore), who will be recognized as Queen of Barataria as soon as the identity of that Monarch is established. The entry of these august personages in their pompous but shabby clothes, and the quarter they sing, start the hilarity of the piece, which never flags from that moment ... The two scenes are a marvel of stage adaptation, the first representing no less a space than the Piazetta at Venice. The second, a very pretty scene of Moorish character, does not commit itself to any rash statements concerning the position of Barataria on the map. It is needless to say that with Sir Arthur Sullivan directing affairs the performance went without a hitch, and that the reception could not have been more cordial



NEWS

I will not be bullied, says Major

■ John Major told Conservative sceptics and mavericks yesterday that he would not be held to ransom on European or constituency issues even if it meant an early general election that could result in power being handed to a pro-European Labour leadership.

The Prime Minister issued a defiant defence of his wait-andsee policy on the single currency, telling critics that Britain needed to be in the negotiations to prevent other countries from "cheating" on the entry conditions...,

Stroke of luck for art student

Peri Kemal-Orek, 27, a Turkish Cypriot art student living in London, discovered she had acquired a Frank Auerbach painting for a mere £30. A similar work by the same artist was valued last year at more than 300 times that amount ... Page 1

Heathrow chaos

Heathrow airport was thrown into chaos after the undercarriage of a twin engined commuter plane collapsed on landing, blocking a runway. More than 150 flights were delayed and thousands of passengers were held up throughout Europe......Page 3

Flancée held

Tracie Andrews, 27, the fiancée of the alleged "road rage" victim Lee Harvey, was under police guard in hospital after being arrested in connection with his stabbing on an isolated country road ... Page 3 Laughing until it hurts

Pantomimes are bad for performers' health and can lead to hernias and other injuries, say doctors. . Page 5

Shopping spree

Shops were counting record takings after Britain went on the biggest pre-Christmas shopping spree in almost a decade.. Page 6

Anglicans ahead

Sunday attendance at the Church of England is set to overtake that of the Roman Catholic Church for the first time in living memory. Figures for England and Wales suggest that the Anglicans will nose ahead by about 1,000Page 7

Ninth food death

A ninth pensioner has died in Scotland's food poisoning epidemic which is now affecting 386 ... Page 7

Ratty in peril

The water vole - which found fame as Ratty in The Wind in the Willows — is one of 600 species of flora and fauna in danger of disappearing from Page 8

countryside. Falklands fears

Falkland islanders celebrating the anniversary of a 1914 British Naval victory are wondering whether they will have to fight a new battle with a British Labour

Welfare cut

President Clinton has claimed credit for a fall of 21 million in the number of people receiving welfare since he took office four years ago, in a move which will reignite controversy over welfare

Human bones traded The people of Afghanistan are so desperate under Taleban rule they are selling human bones in

the alleys of Kabul......Page 11 UN battle Four African candidates have

been named by their countries to succeed Boutros Boutros Ghali as

Secretary General of the United ... Page 12 Belgrade stand-off Serbian opposition groups prepared for fresh confrontations

after the supreme court rejected

claims that President Milosevic

rigged local elections Page 13

Rich pickings without cooking books

Britain's leading chefs are looking forward to becoming multi-millionaires. In a nation apparently obsessed with food, yet increasingly incapable of cooking it, the chef is king, and ridiculous proportions, with some 30 cookery programmes regularly on terrestrial television alone.



A girl feeds doves of peace at Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo at the weekend on the 55th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor

Bank pay-out: Creditors of the

Bank of Credit and Commerce international, which collapsed in 1991 with debts of \$10 billion, will see their first compensation payments. They are due to get about a quarter of their losses back initially... ... Page 48

Social cost: The chairman of America's Federal Reserve Bank says the US social security system is heading for bankruptcy if taxes are not raised or benefits cut Page 46

Day job: Tiger Woods, the most

promising young golfer for de-

cades, is set to take a financial stake in Planet Hollywood...... Page 48 Quick pint: Plans to introduce a technique that allows lager to be created within hours have failed to find favour...

Bragg writes: Too much to the haves, too little to the have-nots: Melvyn Bragg on why the National Lottery handouts have dented Mrs

Bottomicy's popularity Page 15

Opera kigh: Placido Domingo gives a one-off performance as Siegmund in Walkure, in a fundraising gala for Covent Garden that provided one of the most thrilling evenings of them ... Page 18

Rock on: Against all the odds, The Who revive their 1973 masterpiece Quadrophenia live at Earls Court, proving there is plenty of life left in these rock dinosaurs..... Page 19

Pop favourite: Beck Hansen, the American singer-songwriter even

Bunny man: With his serious swinging days behind him. Playboy founder Hugh Heiner now wants his life to be seen as a metaphor of our times... Social animal: Shyness is more

than inbred_ Jeffrey Bernard: "Some of the very best parties are accidental and are borne of good friends simply meeting for a drink."....

likely to be learnt or foisted on us

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py marriages or who are at loggerheads with their boss are more likely to catch colds

IN THE TIMES

The absorbing world

of Howard Hodgkin

goes on show at the

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on Human Rights?

Tennis Tim Herman has gained more than just money from his run to the smi-finals of the Compaq Grand Slam Cup in Munich. Al-

though he was beaten by Boris Becker, Henman showed he is more than capable of competing with the game's leading

Barbarians

... Page 26 olavers .. Football: Bobby Robson, the former England manager now in charge of Barcelona, suffered the first significant setback of his reign when his team were beaten 2-0 by

... Page 31

Footbalk West Ham staged a re-

markable comeback, scoring twice

in the last 12 minutes, to draw 2-2

with Manchester United ... Page 25

Cricket England began the long

climb back towards respectability

with a 59-run victory over Matabe-

leland, the first win in four matches

on the tour of Zimbawe Page 27

Rugby union: Freed from the con-

straints imposed by internationals,

the Australians showed that they

were capable of playing with great

freedom as well as discipline in

their comfortable victory over the

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Preview: Startling footage of the effects of shell shock on British soldiers is shown publicly for the first time. 1914-18: Mutiny (BBC2 7pm). Review: Matthew Bond loses count of Moll Flanders's vital statisticsPage 47

Dangerous expansion

Western governments may once have believed that Nato enlargement would be a force for European stability. There is barely a politician, let alone a senior military commander, who believes that

Questions unanswered

The Prime Minister's statements on Europe were scattered with inconsistencies ... He seems unable to see that the single currency involves matters of principle, as well as calculations about temporary economic interests ...

Heroes with hernias

A new form of industrial injury: pantomime-herriaPage 21

MATTHEW PARRIS The Tory tribe cannot come to terms with what it did to Margaret Thatcher. There is an unwitting yearning to be purged for her murder. Loss of their first general election without her would have been a fit punishment, and the party wanted and expected it Page 20

WILLIAM REES MOGG Kenneth Clarke's threat to resign has made it difficult for John Major

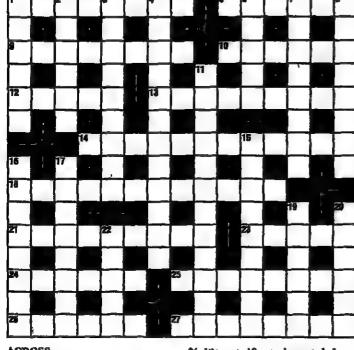
to make public the decision to stay out of a single currency, which in substance he has already ., Page 20 PETER RIDOELL

Elections are seldom decided by the immediate campaigns. Many voters, between a fifth and a quarter, say they decide on their choice during the campaign, but this does not . mean they decide because of the Page 20

Sir Basil Nield, former High Court judge and Conservative MP; Georges Duby, French historian: Edmund Caswell, painter: Eddie Harris, jazz saxophonist...Page 23

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- 5 Not well stored (4,2). 9 It restricts girl in navy, creating
- аплоуалсе (8). 10 Rich cake consumed in state
- university (6). 12 Phlegmatic type encountered in trips to Iceland (5).
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- 21 Stipulation in important late stage of contest (9).
- 23 A waste of rollers, waves occurring naturally here? (5).
- 24 Fate pursuing old church cat (6). 25 Focusing on target drill (8).
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- 26 It's not 18 we imported from Germany (6). 27 Uncontrollable emotion stirred up this year (8).
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- flood water (5). 7 Assembly overturned call concerning fare regulation (8).
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- wood, especially (12). 15 The coinage is new — we have his word for it (9).
- 16 It sheds light on passages with drums at the end (8). 17 Reportedly appear minus such
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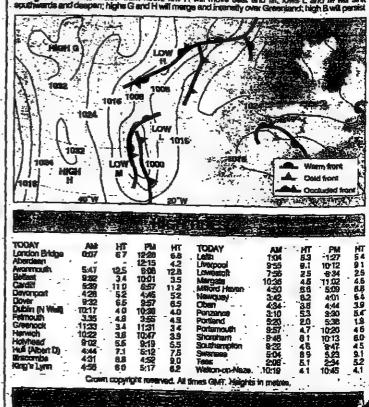
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MONDAY DECEMBER 9 1996

UNITED LOSE TWO POINTS AS SCHMEICHEL LOSES HIS HEAD

Dicks delivers great hammer blow

West Ham United Manchester United

> By ROB HUGHES POOTBALL COBBESIONDENT

THE QUEST for the European Cup continues to be a considerable weight around Manchester United's neck, affecting their ability to concentrate on the FA Carling Premiership, to produce consistent performances that might threaten. Arsenal, Liverpool, Newcastle United and, bless them, Wimbledon.

At Upton Park yesterday, they allowed West Ham United to embarrass them for imagination, movement and ideas. Yet, fortuitously - to use the word of admission from Alex Ferguson, the manager — United went two up; and then, thinking the task was finished, they allowed West Ham to come back with two goals in 90 seconds, and force Schmeichel to save the game for United in the dving moments.

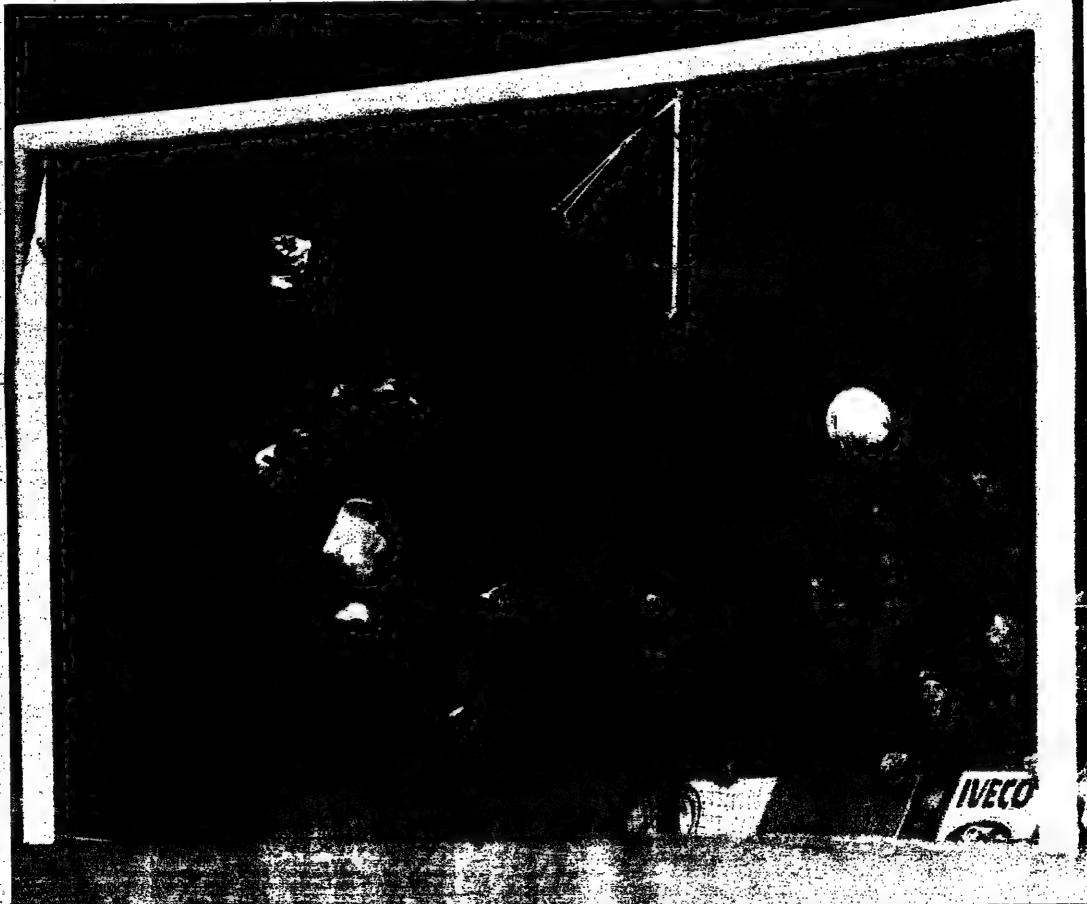
Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, was relieved to have won. le accepted his team's luck and scribed his side's performance; very accurately, as "very poor, very ragged, tired. However, when the United manager abruptly walked out of the press conference, 1

suspect his sensitive mood was as much to do with seeing that his reserves are thin, that Poborsky, purchased for more than £3 million, will probably never have the physical commitment — let us call it courage - to match his tricky

It was just after the half-hour that the Czech Republic international, seeing Dicks, that wholehearted West Ham captain, coming towards him, showed his colours. The yellow card had been issued for something as dubious as an involuntary handball earlier on, and when an international performer jumps out of the way at more than a yard distance from man and ball, one wonders about a

disrepute charge. Seriously, this game asked real questions of Manchester United's Premiership pedigree. If United had produced something of a waltz against Rapid Vienna in midweek, this was more of a clog-dance, and Ferguson was justified in suggesting that Beckham, though he was to score a mercurial goal, is showing signs of physical fatigue.

There are foreign elements in the English game who need, drastically, to prove their consistency and commitment. Dumitrescu is certainly one. Yet in the 22nd minute, he transcended the skill on offer and showed that United were there for the beating. He darted into the box, eluding Pallister and drove in a low shot that skimmed beyond the far post. When Dumitrescu approached from the left, his trickery brought a handball in the area from McClair. Peter Jones, the referee, generously concluded that referee, generously concluded that solskjaer. United's leading goalit was ball-to-hand, and gave scorer, had not scored away from referee, generously concluded that McClair a huge benefit of the Old Trafford since his transfer



Schmeichel, the United goalkeeper, fails to stop Dicks's fearsomely struck penalty that earned West Ham a point at Upton Park yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

doubt. In another way, Jones, was as lenient with Bilic. The Croatia defender, who possibly should not .have started the game as he was unwell, fouled Giggs in the nine-teenth minute, and committed a vicious late tackle on Beckham in the 31st. The card shown was

Not until the brink of half-time did United threaten and then Solskjaer was denied only by a reflex save from Miklosko.

from Norway. The 53rd minute changed that.

The anonymous Cantona suddenly showed his quality. Spotting that four West Ham defenders, in a line, were thinking of the offside trap, he hesitated for an instant and then produced a penetrating through ball. Solskjaer timed his run perfectly and, from 12 yards, drove the ball past Miklosko, who could only deflect its course into the

Dumitrescu retaliated by stepping past two United defenders, but again shot wide of the far post. In the 75th minute, though, United surpassed what had gone before. Cantona, making his second glowing contribution, wheeled 180 degrees with the ball, bemusing Moneur. From him to Irwin, to Beckham, to the substitute, Philip Neville, and back to Beckham, the ball travelled. Then England's young hope struck a shot from the edge of the penalty box, right-footed and with little back-lift, that caressed the inside of a post before

nestling in the net. All over? Redknapp and Ferguson agreed that it was but, in a against the penalty award; the

rousing reprisal, West Ham rescued the game. Raducioiu easily by-passed Johnsen, and gave Schmeichel not a ghost of a chance to prevent his right-foot shot from entering the far side of the goal. That was the 77th minute; by the 79th the game, more than deservedly, was squared. This time, Dumitrescu prompted the move with a pass down the inside-left channel. Hughes anticipated it and Schmeichel, reckless in the extreme, came out and flattened him. Schmeichel, inevitably, railed looks that Pallister gave him, the words with which Ferguson admitted where blame lay, condemned the goalkeeper's rashness. Up strode Dicks to give the ball the old

West Ham 'Ammer. it was too much joy for 200 West Ham supporters to contain. They spilled, momentarily, onto the pitch, an invasion that did not come to much once Dicks had used his renowned eloquence to dispel them. On with the finale and Schmeichel saved dramatically from Hughes and from

"An absolute giveaway," Ferguson moaned afterwards. "We just can't keep on giving goals like that

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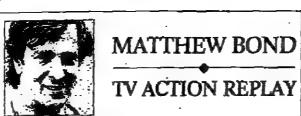
Castle besieged by Fleming's conflicting opinions

Tim Henman was beginning to get just a little bit annoving. That man was Andrew Castle, anchorman of BSkyB's tennis coverage and already destined to be a far at our expense? Either way it made better broadcaster than he was a tennis player. That is he will be just as soon as he stops torturing himself with dreams of what might have been.

For once on Thursday afternoon. after Henman had dispatched MaliVai Washington, Castle and his studio guest, Peter Fleming, were in agreement - British men's tennis was improving. Why had it taken so long, Castle moaned? What's so annoying is that there are a lot of people whose talent was wasted by the mediocre help they received." Fleming was all wide-eyed innocence. "Really Andrew - and who might they be?"

All week Castle and Fleming had been going at it like Ivanisevic and Kafelnikov in the less-watched semifinal on Saturday. Were they being serious or was it all just a bit of fun excellent television - Castle and Fleming that is. Both are goodlooking and both are impressively articulate on screen, but there the similarities end. Apart from the renaissance of British tennis. they agree about nothing.
"Well, well, well, "Castle enthused

after the win on Thursday - we really do have something to cheer about. Don't we, Peter?" "I don't agree. Andrew. That was just another run-of-the-mill match for Tim. I hope people don't make too much of it because that's who Tim Henman has become now." All those late nights with Sue Barker (please, Wimbledon highlights only)



paid off as he turned to face the camera for maximum effect. "So just snap out of it. The sooner everyone realises that this guy's a player ... the better." Just for a second the unflappable Castle looked a trifle flapped. Studio guests are not supposed to behave like that.

It was even worse on Saturday, after Henman had succumbed to Boris Becker and the Union Jackwaving partnership of Gerald Williams and Bill Threlfall had handed back to the studio. Castle began

again. "I think today we have discovered the limitations to Tim's game?" Fleming did not agree. "I think Tim's game was perfectly fine." He thought it was Henman's mind that needed to take a step up. Castle tried yet again: "But there's

a gulf in class isn't there? Fleming did not agree with the word "gulf". Well, what about Henman's ground strokes. Castle railed, surely they were no match for Becker's? Wrong again, "In a year's time everyone will be saying that Tim Henman's

ground strokes are better than Boris
Becker's." In desperation, Castle
turned to metaphor, "Henman was a whippet to Becker's rottweiler,

This time Fleming's pregnant pause was too much. Does it pain you so very much," Castle wailed, ever to agree with me." Fleming paused, gave it some thought and delivered his deadpan answer. "Yes, it does actually." Game and certainly first set to the American, but I look forward to battle being rejoined the next time Sky has some decent tennis to show. I fear, however, we may have to wait a while to beat a week that began with extended live coverage of the Davis Cup final and ended — at least for most people with a British player making it to the semi-finals of the Compaq

Grand Slam Cup.

imentalise (remember Wimbledon before Sue Barker) minimised by the simple expedient of keeping him off-screen. Some superb pictures were provided by ISPR, the rights holder and host broadcaster. Although its camera operators' pur-

suit of a pretty face was occasionally distracting (the Munich crowd spend most of the time staring upwards trying to catch themselves on monitors), the super-slow motion replays of line calls and even foot faults were extraordinarily precise.

The BBC already has the technology to provide similar facilities for its Wimbledon coverage. All that is required is the consent of the All England Club and flying chalk could be a thing of the past. I'm GOLF

McNulty hangs on to achieve fourth win

BY OUR SPORTS STAIN

MARK MCNULTY preserved his four-shot overnight lead to win the Zimbabwe Open from Nick Price, his fellow Zimbabwean, and Justin Hobday, of South Africa, in Harare yesterday.

McNulty, 43, repeated his 1992 success in the tournament with a closing round of 69 at the Chapman Golf Club, for an 18-under-par total of

McNulty's victory was his fourth of the year, after European Tour wins in the Dimen-South Africa, the Dutch Open and the Volvo Masters. He said: "It's always nice to win four in a year, and obviously it's a great feeling to win here in Zimbabwe again."

Price, who struggled all place with Hobday on 274.

"My biggest problem this week has been reading the greens," Price, the former world No I, said. "My first six close to apply the pressure.

Hobday returned the best round of the day, with five

shots.

Bill Longmuir, of Scotland, shot a final round threeunder-par 67 to finish joint second with Scott Hoch, of the United States, in the Hong Kong Open. They were four strokes adrift of the winner. Rodrigo Cuello, of the Philip-pines, who finished with a 70

for a 15-under-par total of 275.

Michael Long became the first home player in four years to win the New Zealand Open after firing a final round fourunder-par 67 at Paraparaumu Beach Long, with a four-round total of 275, finished four strokes ahead of defending champion. Peter O'Malley, of Australia.

place, by one shot, ahead of his



THE year has ended much too early for Boris Becker. Yesterday he rounded off his season with a nearperfect display of tennis to beat Goran Ivanisevic 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in the final of the Compaq Grand Slam Cup. Having reached such a peak. he now has nowhere to go until next month, when the new season starts and he goes to defend his Australian

It has been a frustrating 12 months for Becker. Just when he had returned to the type of form that lifted him to the No I spot in the world rankings, he picked up a virus infection that kept him out for three months. He had to miss the French Open with a torn thigh muscle and then, fit again in time for Queen's, he injured his wrist during Wimbledon and had to miss the next 2½ months. Now aged 29, time is running out for Becker if he is to get his wish and win one more Wimbledon title.

With Becker, anything is possible once he puts his mind to it. Facing the fiercest service on the men's circuit, he gave Ivanisevic a taste of his own medicine. He conceded just 15 points on his own service and seven of those were gifts in the form of double faults. Never did Ivanisevic have a chance to threaten Becker and in return Becker was reading (vanisevic's every move.

The day before Ivanisevic had

Managing only a pairry 12 thunderbolts, he ran out of ideas as Becker brushed him aside. "Usually when I have lost to him before, and lost easily. I at least had chances to

break but not today," he said.
With two such big servers facing each other on a fast indoor court. rallies are at a premium: serve, return and maybe a volley is about all about the crowd is going to get. In all departments, Becker was the

RESULTS

FINAL: Backer by Ivansenc 5-8, 6-4, 6-4

better player and on the odd ocasion when some tennis did break out, Becker tended to win from the baseline, too. Before the end of the first set Ivanisevic was beginning to grumble and mutter and by the time he reached the third set he knew he

Still, the week had not been too bad an experience for Ivanisevic. He was planning to pull out of the tournament on Monday. Feeling ill. he went looking for the tournament referee to withdraw but never found him. A good night's sleep later, he

ended up in the final. The \$812,500 (about £530,000) he won as runnerup came as an unexpected bonus.

With that in mind, he was not too upset by the defeat. Becker at his peak is a frightening prospect for anyone. "I think he is playing his best termis ever," Ivanisevic said. "In my opinion he is faster, he's proving better and he's playing moving better and he's playing much better. He realised that if he wants to stay at the top he has to go one step better and he did it. He's playing unbelievable tennis."

With the rest of the top players complaining that their year is too long, that they are too tired. Becker faces a different problem as he tries to maintain his fitness and form while the rest of the world puts its feet up for Christmas. He admits that it is a lot easier to contemplate the new year when he is playing so well, but having come so far and with the goal of another grand slam so important to him, a festive season with the family Becker could involve a lot of hard work.

"You have to improve each year, almost each month, because the competition is learning," he said. Players are going to read my game and I have to find new ways to surprise them. I will go to Australia as the defending champion and everyone is going to hunt me. But I've managed before to step up when the pressure was the most -



Henman savours valuable reward

Alix Ramsay believes Britain's No I player

is richer for experience of defeat by Becker

The last few days in Germany have been a lucrative time for Tim Heantan. On Saturday, he carned another \$431,250 (about £266,000) to add to his. already bulging bank account by losing to Boris Becker 7-6, 6-3, 6-1 in the semi-final of the Compaq Grand Slam Cup. Although it took his annual earnings to a healthy \$853.247, the Ihr 50min he spent on court with Becker gave him something more valuable than any pay cheque, the knowledge that he can hold his own with the top players. It was the first time

Henman had been in such a situation — taking on the world No 6 in his own backyard — and, for a set and a half, he gave Becker a run for his money. Most people would have forgives Heaman for showing signs of stage-fright in front of an 11,000-strong German crowd, but the young man from Oxford was coolness itself. He started as he meant to go on, standing toe-to-toe with Becker, matching him ace for ace and hav-ing the temerity to threaten the famous Becker service.

Yet the gap between the too men and the young pretenders is a hard one to bridge and when it came to the key points in the first set tie-break, Henman did not have the power or experience to counter a player who has won six grand-slam titles in the past 12 years. "For the first set and a half, I was still hanging in there trying to create chances," he said, "but, at the end of the day. I think he's better than me. That's the bottom line."

Nevertheless, Becker was impressed with his opponent. "You improve by playing," he said. "He's only been on the circuit for two years and aiready he's come a long way. Who knows how far he will go. He has a great first serve, he's got good hands and he comes up with some surpris-ing shots sometimes. All in all, he's a player with a good

Henman for his part,

do if he is to climb up the world rankings from his present position of No 29. There's a lot to be gained from a week like this." he said. "Boris definitely takes some beating but it's a consistency thing. When I'm playing my best tennis, I'm able to stay with someone of his calibre. but it is his consistency—he's able to keep playing like that for four or five sets. At the moment, I probably couldn't do that."

When Henman will have time to spend some of his new-found wealth is open to question. He has only a few days



Henman: improving

off before the preparations tournament of the year in Doha and, from there, it is on to the Australian Open.

Much of that time will be spent in the gym as he tries to strengthen his slender frame. Standing 6ft lin and list lib, he knows he needs to be stronger. On Saturday, the sheer power of Becker, added to the years of dealing with the pressure points in pressure matches, made the difference.

"Yeah, I'm disappointed." Heaman said, but there a lot of positives to take away from this and the experience I have gained from playing some of the best will stand me in good

AAA to withhold financial support

THE AAA of England decided at its annual meeting on Saturday to resist offering financial assistance to the British Athletic Federation (BAF), despite having resources of £1.8 million (David Powell writes). The BAF has lost £750.000 in the past two years. "We do not want to pour money into the black hole that is the BAF." Eric Shiriey, a delegate, said. "If there is money to scare it should no to our regions, where 100 there is money to spare it should go to our regions, where 100 per cent will be spent on athletics."

Geoff Clarke, the AAA treasurer, expressed concern over a new television contract. "We have been unable to find out if this includes the AAA championship. There have been suggestions that only BAF championships will be included. If so, we shall try to obtain our own sponsor and TV contract."

Cook finishes first

ATHLETICS: Stephanie Cook, a final year medical student at Oxford, who won the women's University cross-country race on Wimbledon Common, only took up running when injury stopped her rowing. Cook is now concentrating on modern pentathlon. She is in the national squad but admits it will be hard to fit in training, and her ambition to reach the Sydney Olympics, with her opening two years as a doctor. The Dark Blues took all the team honours, winning the women's race, men's race—to level the series at 53 victories each—and Old Blues race.

Doncaster step down

POOTBALL: Croydon moved above Doncaster Belles on goal difference in the Women's Premier National League after a 1-1 draw at Everton. Doncaster lost 3-2 at Arsenal in a pulsating match. The Belles went 2-0 up, through Vicky Exley and Karen Walker, before a second-half revival by Arsenal, who remain unbeaten, brought goals for Joanne Broadhurst, Kara-Lee Reynolds and Marieanne Spacey.

Sussex fall short

LACROSSE: Hertfordshire, skippered by the England co-captain, Lois Richardson, became the women's All-England Counties champions for the first time in ten years when they defeated Sussex 3-0 in the final at Newbury on Saturday. Hertfordshire had been Berkshire in the semi-finals, while Sussex edged our Surrey in the final four as they reached the All-England finals for the first time.

Male captures title

RACKETS: James Male, the world champion, underlined his dominance with a hard-fought victory over the former world champion, Willie Boone, to take the Lacoste British amateur championship. Male, 32, who had survived a hard-hitting struggle in his semi-final to defeat Guy Barker, eventually emerged the winner, 4-15, 15-11, 17-14, 15-10.

Hendry pockets award

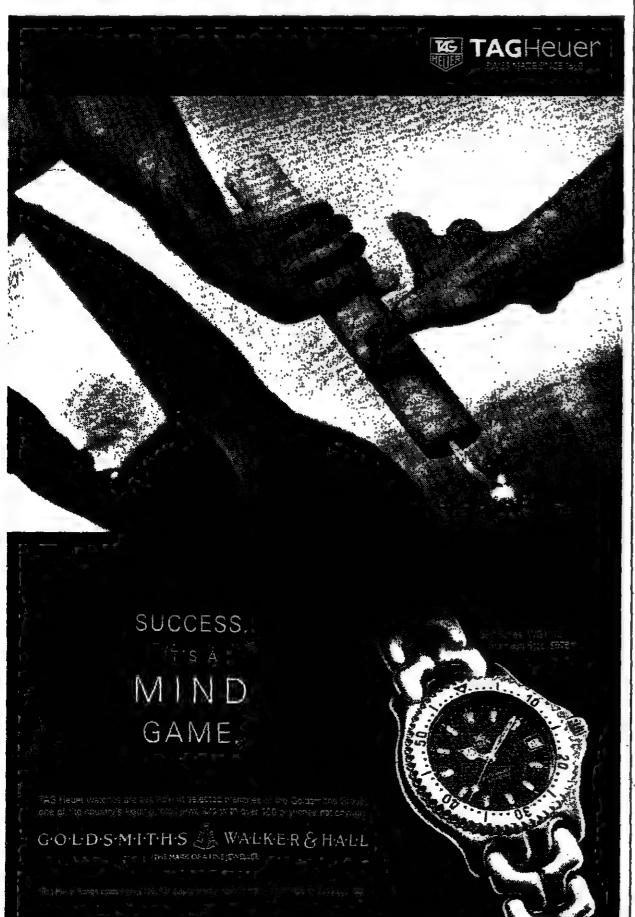
SNOOKER: Stephen Hendry, the world champion, pocket-ed another top award last night when he was selected as the BBC Scotland Sportscene Personality of the Year, an award he won in 1989. Hendry made it a double as he was also named in the Team of the Year, with Alan McManus and John Higgins, his fellow World Cup players.

week with his putting, recorded a closing 68 to share second

putts were all good ones and i didn't make one. I could have been five-under after the first seven holes the way I was playing, but I just couldn't get

birdies in a 67, but, having got to 13-under at the 11th, he was unable to apply any further pressure on McNulty, who always led by at least four

O'Malley shot a 66 in the final round to take second



Australia basks in barren nights and floodlit follies

Alan Lee, in Sydney, on the hits and

misses of cricket's latest marketing ploys

The boys in the market-ing department of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) got their heads together and came up with "One Day You Will Never Forget" as their slogan for the limited-overs series this year. A nonsense, of course, as the essence of a one-day game is that it is forgotten before the next one begins, but the catchphrase works like the chorus of an inanely repetitive pop

For the sell-out crowd of 40,000 in Sydney yesterday. there were things to remember. for a while, if not quite forever. The sun shone after a stormy 24 hours and Shane Warne took five wickets in 15 balls. After nightfall, although Curt-ly Ambrose smiled and bowled fast — things previously beyond him — Australia beat West Indies by eight wickets well before closing time. All reasons to be cheerful. Assess the game soberly, however, and it was dull, one-

sided, formularised. Perhaps it was no bad thing, therefore, that distractions were on hand. Americanised musical fingles interspersed the action. Brian Lara, heartily booed onto the ground by a

nation that has taken against his tantrums, was out for 26 and dispatched to a rendering of See You Later Alligator. Sherwin Campbell's adieu was Return to Sender, and if Junior Murray was not sufficiently embarrassed by a dreadful dismissal to Warne, he had to walk off to Hit The Road Jack.

There is a great deal of international limited-overs cricket and the majority is mundane. To ensure that the crowds keep coming, ever more marketing devices are required. This, anyway, is how it is viewed in Australia, and they have more practice here than anywhere else.

Twenty years ago, the very idea of floodlit internationals was still being ridiculed. Col-oured clothing was a shocking notion. It was then, late in 1976, that Kerry Packer was losing his fight to televise Australian Test cricket, and hatching the plans that were to spawn the excesses now taken for granted.

Packer's shadow lingers on at every modern match, with the hard-won presence of his Channel Nine cameras and the commentary of men he signed as players to spike the

he shakes his head at how far

turned up.

The night-cricket clothes have improved, now properly resembling pyjamas rather than the skin-tight outfits that sat so unflatteringly on Rod Marsh and his generation, and subtle rule-changes have

occasionally, and is welcomed like a favourite uncle, but there may be times when even the product has been refined or abused, according to your taste, since the November night in 1978 when he staged the first floodlit match on the Sydney ground and 52,000

been generally for the good. It is, however, the presentation of night cricket that, year by year, has altered almost beyond recognition.

Two years ago, the ACB regained control of its own marketing, cutting links with the company first employed by Packer. Since then, the departmental turnover increased almost 400 per cent. This is genuinely big business, suffiAustralian players to earn £200,000 a year from representing their country before any personal endorsements are added. In turn, the players are expected to be supportive in all areas of marketing, even those at which they may

privately cringe. Most players, for instance, deplore and resent the Mexican wave, considering it a potential distraction. The Australians cannot complain, for

it is actively encouraged by an advertisement for their Testmatch sponsor, which depicts a plane-load of passengers and air crew performing it. The first wave yesterday occurred after 14 minutes.

It is all part of the desire for audience participation. The English do not go in for this, clinging to the admirable but oft-misplaced belief that their speciators need nothing other than the cricket to amuse them. In England, where domestic one-day cricket is absurdly overplayed, the harshly rationed. Australia

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were happy to play five Tests and five one-day games on the country where the competition Ashes tour next summer, but England insisted on a split of six and three.

Priorities here have shifted back towards Test cricket, but they also know their one-day market and stop at little to sustain and increase it. Lounge lizards are well fed. A recent poll identified cricket as the top television sport, so they are given valuable competitions and close access to their top cricketers.

Those at the grounds find that banners, prohibited in England, are promoted (there is a prize for the best each day). Children, tolerated elsewhere, are keenly encouraged. The ACB has set up face-painting stalls on each ground, and the Christmas merchandise features a Shane Warne kit: how to bowl leg spin like the master. It is selling out everywhere.

Not before time, players wear large numbers on their backs for identification - it helps to persuade people tubuy a programme, too. Automation now extends to the sightscreens, although the start yesterday was delayed because one was stuck in

country where the competition of baseball, basketball and now even street hockey is being slapped down by the ACB, the American influence of sound and vision aids are

the most striking change. There was an experiment with individual songs for the entrance of each batsman -Glenn McGrath chose the Beatles' Help - but the sendoffs are more popular. The symbiosis between giant screens and public address is sometimes agreeable enough. as when a show of racing results is accompanied by the drum of hoofbeats, but occasionally it strays into political-

ly dubious areas.

A shot of a shapely woman in the crowd brought a bugle call; pictures of police moving in to an unruly element of the crowd were joined by the sound of a cracking whip. spectators Some amused, others shifted uncomfortably. They reacted as one only when Warne was twice on a hat-trick. Then, the noise rose, unbidden, to a deafening crescendo. Sometimes, even in the obsessively modern world of one-day cricket, the game can still speak for itself.

CRICKET: IMPROVED PERFORMANCE PROVIDES OVERDUE VICTORY ON TOUR OF ZIMBABWE

Lara hits out during West Indies' defeat yesterday

England show signs of turning corner

IN BULAWAYO

A WIN is a win is a win. Matabeleland may not be a power in world cricket, but, when you are as short of scalps as England, anyone's will do, and they gratefully accepted theirs at the Athletic Club here yesterday.

It was the touring party's first win in four matches in Zimbabwe and only their fourth in 19 games overseas in 1996, as against 14 defeats. Their previous victims were South Africa, in Bloemfontein, and the United Arab Emirates and Holland, in Peshawar.

If England are to lengthen this list before the year is out, there is still much work to be done because, although this was a great improvement on the insipid display against Mashonaland last week, this was not an entirely convincing performance, even if the margin — 59 runs — was. It was late afternoon before another embarrassing defeat could be ruled out.

The best aspect of the day was the form and fitness of Michael Atherton, the England captain. He had not been expected to play, and did so against the wishes of David Lloyd, the coach, but he was clearly confident that the injections that he had last Friday to reduce the pain in his lower back, had done the trick.

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Opening the innings with Knight after England were put in, he helped them to their best start of the tour with a stream of crisp boundaries and looked set for a long stay. In fact, he miscued a ball from Streak into the hands of silly mid-on in the eighth over when the score was already 45, but he had done enough to suggest that his bad trot was at an end. He later fielded enthusiastically and executed a smart run-out of Streak. "I actually enjoyed fielding," he

said afterwards... Unfortunately, England squandered their good start. On a ground with a temptingly short boundary on one side, they should have reached 250, but the good work of Atherton and Knight - who stayed until the thirtieth over for 58 was undone by a succession of players holing out. Hussain pushed a ball to wide mid-on and Thorpe, Knight, Crawley and Russell - playing because Stewart was ruled out by a back spasm - were lured to their doom on the short side



Atherton pulls a ball from Streak to the boundary during his encouraging innings of 28 against Matabeleland in Bulawayo yesterday

of the ground. For this, some credit must go to outstanding fielding - far better than England's later - and the bowling of the Whittall cous-

ins, Andrew and Guy. This pair could hardly be more different. Andrew is tall and academic, Guy short and outdoorish, having worked on knack of strangling the life out of an England innings that had reached 120 for four after 30 overs, but only 210 for nine

by its end. Andrew - an off spinner whose first-class wickets cost him 50 runs each on average, suggesting that he will be no great threat come the Test matches - removed Hussain and Thorpe and played his part in the partnership of 53 betweeen Crawley and Irani, soaking up 14 overs. Guy's probing medium pace was

each of his last four overs. Another difference between the cousins is that Andrew is not a batsman and Guy is, as England already know from his innings of 58 and 36 not out rewarded with a wicket in in earlier matches on the tour.

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Umpires. J Ferwick and E Gilmour

He came good again yesterday with a sound 35, which suggested that he may be a handful in the Test. Fortunately for England, he was let down by his supporting cast and it was soon clear that, of the two cricketing provinces in Zimbabwe, it is Mashonaland that have the monopoly on

Gough bowled with encouraging control for the first 12 overs - Mullally dispatching Craig and Dekker - Croft again bowled a probing spell and Silverwood showed the steadiness that got him on the tour and was so curiously absent in his first match, eight days

Astle, who was named man

of the match, scored 60 off 69

fours and a six, before he was

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When James and Abrams were putting together Matabeleland's highest parmership of 47, in the middle of the innings, it was still possible to envisage an England defeat, but Croft removed both in four overs and the tail folded in the face of the rising asking rate.

While England showed Olonga generated a good head wicketless, while Streak appeared cumbersome and well below his best. He has been out of action for several weeks with a groin strain and has plenty of catching up to do before the first Test match begins next week.

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ularly severe on Mohammed

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other not out batsman

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Hegg on song as England A wind up trip

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN BRISBANE

FEW cricketers can match Jack Russell, the England wicketkeeper, for the exuberance and enthusiasm he brings to his art. But Warren Hegg, who has emerged as a possible rival for his place, has both qualities in abundance, matched by a willingness to

Hegg. 28. the Lancashire wicketkeeper, whose batting put him ahead of Keith Piper, Paul Nixon and Karl Krikken in the selection for the England A tour, has more than justified his inclusion in the 14strong party with an impressive tally of 28 catches.

It is perhaps fitting, then, that Hegg will be playing against Ian Healy, the Australia wicketkeeper and the cricketer he admires most, when England A complete their tour with a four-day match against Queensland at the Gabba,

starting tomorrow. Hegg, who along with Adam Hollioake, the captain, are the only two players to have competed in every match of the tour, will take his place in a line-up which will not be finalised until the tourists take stock of various injuries.

Andrew Harris, the Derbyshire fast bowler, has a bruised foot and Jason Gallian, the Lancashire barsman, has a cracked right index finger. Both will have

rigorous net sessions at the Gabba tomorrow to prove their fitness.

Mark Ealham and Hollioake, who both suffered bruised fingers on the minefield of a pitch at Wollongong in the rain-hit one-day match against New South Wales on Saturday, are expected to be fit for selection.

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NEW SOUTH WALES: "G RJ Marthows S Marters, C J Richards K J Roberts, G R Robertson, M J Stater, A M Stuart Umpres J I Camerom and A G Jackson

☐ The England Under-19 bowlers overcame a frustrating start to their four-day match against Pakistan Under-19 in Faisalabad to gain a firm foothold. After winning the toss, Farhan Adil (26) and Shahid Qambrani (68) built up an opening part-nership of 91, helped by two dropped catches, but England worked through the rest of the order to leave Pakistan at 248

rigns of blowing the cobwebs his father's big game reserve That said, England gave by before turning professional -both of which contrasts conoff their bowling, there were far their best exhibition of indications that a few still bowling on the tour and it was tribute to their dressing-room clung to Olonga and Streak. Zimbabwe's likely new-ball pair for the Test matches. this that gave Atherton most nicknames of Whit and Halfsatisfaction. Mullally and whit - but they shared the



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Adams returns to haunt India

■ PAUL ADAMS, the wrist spinner, was the main reason why South Africa turned the tables on India on the first day of the third and final Test in Kanpur yesterday.

Adams, hit out of the attack during the morning session, returned to remove Rahul Mohammed Dravid. Azharuddin, the former India captain, and Sunil Joshi within three overs to reduce the home side to 204 for six by the

Tendulkar, whose side had looked in control for most of the day, was left isolated at the non-striker's end as four wickets tumbled for 33 runs after

But the India captain, who ended the day undefeated on 43, knows that the wicket could benefit his side in the long run, with South Africa due to bat last on a slow, low and increasingly difficult

Tendulkar, whose team won

the first Test but were thrashed by 329 runs in Calcutta, opted to bat and his openers responded by reach-The South Africans, how-

ing 76 without loss by lunch. ever, refused to lie down. Mongia, on 41 at the break.

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lasted just five more balls before McMillan, the allrounder, removed his middle

Mongia's parmer, Raman, reached his half-century, claiming 11 boundaries on the way, but then drove at McMillan and saw the ball flash into Klusener's hands at gully. Ganguly and Tendulkar seemed to have restored home

for two at tea. Again, however, Hansie Cronje's men produced the perfect response, the South African captain trapping Ganguly leg-before on the front foot with the score on 160. Cronje and Fanie de Villiers then combined to bowl

advantage, taking India to 155

eight maiden overs in a row. When Tendulker looked set to break the spell, driving Symcox, the off spinner, into the long-on crowd for six. Adams, who had been hit for 23 off his first four overs, was

Openers overwhelm Pakistan Young established the plat-NEW Zealand concluded their tour of Pakistan with a conform for New Zealand's victory with an aggressive vincing seven-wicket victory in opening stand of 96. the third and final one-day

international in Karachi yesterday. Chasing a Pakistan total of 234-4, New Zealand completed an emphatic victory in the 46th over in front of a near-50,000 crowd at the National Stadium. Nathan Astle and Bryan

run out. Three balls earlier Young, who had reached 32 from 38 balls, was caught by Wasim

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SCOREBOARD FROM KARACHI

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was Chris Cairns, who made 25. Earlier Wasim and liaz Ahmed had taken 68 - of a total partnership of 108 - off the last five overs of the innings, Saeed Anwar, the opener, was named man of the

series for Pakistan. Pakistan won the series 2-1. while the earlier Test series was drawn 1-1.

FOOTBALL: SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY EXPOSE FAILINGS OF ANFIELD TITLE HOPEFULS AS WIMBLEDON'S CHALLENGE GATHERS PACE

Liverpool lose marks in test of potential

Sheffield Wednesday 1

By DAVID MADDOCK

IF THERE is a defining image of this match, it is of Steve McManaman, arm raised in futile demand of the ball. He was man-marked, with Peter Atherton the celebrity stalker.

but that is routine for the Liverpool forward. Shadow or nor, he still pleads for service. On this occasion, he did not Much was made of Sheffield Wednesday's use of their cap-

tain to contain the England international, but that rather missed the point. It was not that McManaman was subdued, but rather the supply lines to him. McMananian showed that, even with sparse service, he could still be dangerous, and yet his teammates seemed incapable of getting the ball to him. 'We didn't play with our

heads, we did not play intelligent football," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. "Steve McManaman was man-marked, yet he still had chances when he got the ball. But if we don't get the ball to him early, if we don't pass the ball with sharpness, then we will have problems, and that's what happened."

The match was a tactical success for David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, but not for something as simplistic as man-marking a danger-man. Four times Liverpool manto get the ball to McManaman in the first half, with Atherton behind, and four times he was fouled. Eventually, a yellow card arrived. Another ball, another foul, and a red would have

It did not, because Pleat's masterplan was not simply to shadow McManaman, but also to swamp Barnes and try of Hyde, Pembridge and

ball, let alone possession enough to craft the bullets for the forwards to fire.

Evans talked of finding alternatives under such circumstances, but if Liverpool have a weakness, it is here. McAteer and Bjornebye were imprecise on the flanks, and the three central defenders simply not comfortable enough on the ball. If the midfield is shackled, the wing back formation is designed to with the ball to create options. It does not work when, like Ruddock, the sweeper simply hoofs long balls down the

Put simply, Wednesday snapped and snarled in their terrier-like pursuit of the game, to such an extent that they forced the home side into mistakes that cost them the match. Indeed, the only surprise in a first half that Wednesday dominated was headed over and Pembridge blasted wide within the first two minutes, then Nicol almost crowned an impressive return to his former club with a near-post shot that James clawed out. Pembridge again volleyed wide, before he showed that his innaccurate shooting does have its uses.

After 21 minutes, McAteer, searching for McManaman. again gave the ball away to Atherton, who found Pembridge. His shot was woeful, but was mis-hit to such an extent that it found Whittingham, lurking towards the right edge of the penalty area, and his first-time stab found the net via the goalkeeper and

Only then did Liverpool look interested, but, as Evans said: "We can't afford to start playing when a third of the game has already gone." What little they did create came through McManaman. Pressman, only for the goal-



Atherton, right, the Wednesday defender who so effectively marked McManaman, briefly turns his attentions to thwarting Thomas

save from Fowler after McAteer had hit the post. McManaman found the woodwork himself in the second half with a soaring header, and Pressman saved well from Fowler, again, and Berger. In truth, though, Liverpool's casual arrogance, throughout a first half that

they apparently thought was theirs by right, denied them

Wednesday move up to ninth in the FA Carling Premiership, but they are still a side in the making, more comfortable on afternoons like this, when they can frustrate and pick up the scraps rather

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to happen here.

is it true?

than take the responsibility of forcing the creative pace. To guile in midfield, and a more.

the willing Booth. Does any team want to win the title? It appears that Liverpool do not, such is their poor home form. Two points from the last nine hardly suggests championship material, but the similar reluctance of their chief rivals offers some consolation. Throughout the match, percussion section among the Wednesday supporters banged out a mesmeric beat.

how many decent young play-

ers never even get seen by clubs because of the flaws in

organisers going into schools.

keeping in touch with the

team coach, finding out who

the academies. I know that is

what Liverpool plan to do,

establish a better standard of

age. I look back on my

experience as a kid, and there

were some fairly bad mo-

and I'm sure it will work.

Such a rhythm, to their passing, is what Liverpool must

champions.

only a small lad, stuck in full-

size goals. They just got their

biggest boy to lump the ball

hard into the air above his

head. That sort of thing does

develop the technique re-

thin as a young player, a jinky little winger who dribbled all

afternoon, but I feel players

like me are not given enough

opportunities because our

vstem doesn't encourage it.

We had a good side, but we

were very small, and that was a disadvantage when it

It's not just at school, either.

With England, when I was

older, some of the coaching

still wasn't what you might expect. It's hard to believe, but

we were frequently taught to

just give the ball a wellie and

At least at Liverpool they do the right way. They get the

kids at a young age and concentrate on ball skills and

movement. There are no com-

plicated tactics, and definitely

no emphasis on players who

are big and strong.

The most important players

at a professional level are

those with great technique,

movement and thought, play-

ers such as Gullit, Cantona

and Barnes. If you concentrate on that an early age, you

are likely to get far more players with better technique. It is so simple, surely every-

one should be doing it. But

until we have a well thought-

out structure that allows clubs

to go into schools to influence

the coaching, the number of games played and the way in which kids are brought

through, then we will remain behind some of the continen-

tal countries. Let us hope that

Liverpool's plans are a signifi-

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I was very small and very

Kinnear keeping his dream alive

Sunderland Wimbledon

By MARK HODKINSON

THE question was simple enough but, for a second. Joe Kinnear's honest blue eyes iced over and not a word was spoken. Caught dreaming, he hurriedly summoned cliché and ambiguity to hide his apopiexy - an excusable reaction, surely, since the question had never been asked before could Wimbledon win the FA Carling Premiership?

We'll take each game as it comes," he muttered on Saturday. "I don't want to put extra pressure on the lads. All I can say is that it has taken me seven years to put this squad together, and if we can stay injury-free and we're still in this position with six or seven be as hard to beat as anyone."

The subtext was manifest, despite the linguistic fog. Kinnear believes that Wimbledon can win the league. And why not? His team is second only to Arsenal, is unbeaten in 18 matches and, most significant, is playing a mature, confident brand of football.

Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, suggested that it was "men against boys", and while this slightly overstated cunning and ruthlessness was beyond the ken of blood-andthunder Sunderland.

Reid's team works at one pace, an extremely fast one with which rudiments such as passing and dribbling are merely coincidental. Sunderland attempt to draw the air from the match until, more by effort than design, opponents end up gasping for breath, wondering how the ball ended up in their net. Wimbledon the ghosts of their former

These days, however, in players such as Leonhardsen, Earle and Ekoku, they have statesmen able to rise above ignoble physical squabbles. They stepped gracefully through the blur of tackles, their minds and feet always two seconds in front of their

arnest oursuers. Wimbledon's intelligent approach was apparent throughout. They had clearly passed a watchful eye over their opponents. Perez, quite rightly, was earmarked as being perturbed. by players in close proximity.

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Robson feels heat . Woking wonders Fry survives ...

so, at every free kick and corner, Blackwell contested

the six-yard area. The first goal came from

Ekoku's forehead smash after some head tennis in the Sunderiand penalty area. The same player added a second with a crisp shot from a fine pass by Gayle. Sunderland's first shot came when Rae tested Sullivan from distance ten minutes before half-time.

Sunderland courted hope briefly when Melville headed in direct from a corner but, five minutes later, Ekoku embarked on a slalom run between defenders, the ball ricocheting to Holdsworth, who curled it advoitly past Perez.

"We're going to win the league," the clutch of Wimbledon supporters sang, while Sam Hammam, the club's owner, hugged every player as they left the pitch. In contrast, there were grumbles from the Sunderland supporters. Although unequivocally beaten by the better team, they were right to ponder why Reid had played just one striker, Russell, and left the club's best player, Bridges, on the substitutes' bench until nearly an

hour had elapsed. Reid was not hiding his respect for Wimbledon. They deserved the victory," he said. They are very well organised. I am hoping my lads will see it as a lesson learnt. I am not going to go raving mad at the lads after one defeat against a very good team."

Kinnear cheerfully accepted every after-match request for an interview. The same simple question was asked repeatedly. His eyes began to twinkle again, the smile grew broader. Wimbledon, just 19 years on from their Football League debut - a 3-3 draw with Halifax Town - are set for a

SUNDERLAND (4-4-1-1)* L. Perez — D. Kubciet, A. Melvide, R. Ord, M. Scott — Kally (sub- M. Bardges, 55mm), P. Brassett, V. Ball, M. Smeth — A. Rine (sub- M. Grey, 81) — C. Russell

Iversen receives highest praise

BY IVO TENNANT

COMPARISONS may be odious, but they are also inevitable. Upon arrival at Tottenham Hotspur's training ground last week, Steffen versen, their new forward from Norway, signed for £2.5 million, was asked which number he would like to have emblazoned on his shirt. Unwittingly, but much to his pleasure, he opted for the talismanic figure of 18, once worn with distinction by Jürgen Klinsmann.

The comparisons did not end there. Indeed, they were carried on by Gerry Francis. the Tottenham manager, long after this well-merited victory. Iversen, he reckoned, not only looks like Klinsmann but plays like him, too. "He has two good feet, pace, ability in the air. gives Teddy Sheringham more snace and I have seen him score lots of excellent

goals in Europe." By the time Francis had finished this giddy discourse, he had made you believe Iversen was a world-beater. There is, though, the matter

many footballers from overseas have been, or will be, as successful as Klinsmann. Against Coventry City, having met his colleagues only the previous day, Iversen was given the ball all too infre-

quently. However, he played a memorable part in Tottenham's second goal, scored by Sinton, which was the culmination of a four-man move across Coventry's goal initiated by Sheringham. What Iversen -

complete his national service in the near future — will assuredly give the club and the supporters is greater strength in attack.

Yet the impression remains that Francis, conversely a topclass player himself, prefers making the most of individ-uals of lesser talents as opposed to managing the superstars. This is laudable in itself, but is not necessarily what is required at a club of Tottenham's standing. Not when Arsenal are leading the FA Carling Premiership.

in coded language, Sheringham has emphasised to Francis that Tottenham should be looking to do more than consolidate. He himself had a splendid match, having a volleyed goal unluckily disallowed for offside and bringing an intuition and style to Tottenham's game.

Sheringham it was who scored Tottenham's first goal. which, if anything, looked more offside than the one that was disallowed. Coventry's equaliser, forced in by Whelan after Walker had beaten out Dublin's header, was barely deserved. Gordon Strachan. who has to succeed where Ron Atkinson, for all his managerial experience, could not, summarised their predica-ment. "We always seem to be chasing the game," he said. Strachan has all too little time before relegation is immi-

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S. Oprzenic — B. Borrows (sub: P.Toiter, 79mm), P.Williams, L. Darsh R. Shaw — J. Salako, G. McAlleser, N. Wilhelm, E. Jesa (sub: R. Gernaux, 79) — D. Dublin, D. Huckerby

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Time to give young talent a chance

unveiled plans for an E8 million soccer academy, youth football is once more high on the agenda. It is about time, because it is ar important issue and increasingly so, and only now are we starting to get to grips with it

in this country. I was heartened by the news that Liverpool will boast the most advanced youth structure in England. Obviously, we are hoping that it will ensure the club's success in the future, but I do hope that other clubs will follow. because we need a stronger and broader base in our

It is an issue I have always taken an interest in. I am often cited as one of the successes of Liverpool's youth system, and I recognise that I am used as an example for other young players with designs on a professional career. I have got involved in coaching kids, too. I have taken several coaching clinies, and this week I went to Tithe Barn School in Stockport to take a look at how the youngsters are shaping up. [

was impressed. Some of the boys were as young as eight, but they had an energy and enthusiasm to be proud of, and great skills. And yet, in many ways, I don't believe the obvious love for the game by kids all over the country is being tapped as

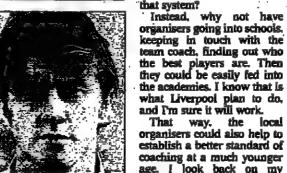
Liverpool's academy will be based on the Ajax model, but too often in this country we are lagging behind other European nations when it comes to developing young players. Clubs all have policies, but they tend to work in isolation, without any real involvement in the schools.

complaints that foreign play-STEVE ers have better technique. But MCMANAMAN



on the need for

secondary school. For about three years we didn't have a team at all, and that seems It is a shame, because if there was a recognised structure, starting in the schools at a young age, it could only

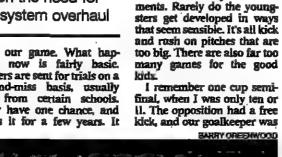


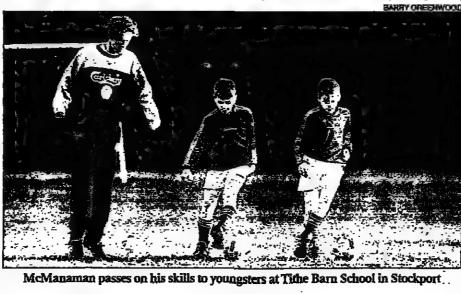
a system overhaul

that's it for a few years. It



help our game. What hanpens now is fairly basic. Players are sent for trials on a hit-and-miss basis, usually just from certain schools. They have one chance, and





McCoist's steel provides Rangers with cutting edge

a prolific forward. Ally McCoist has also proved to be a master of disguise. Listening to his carefree banter, one might suppose that the only leadership quality he pos-sesses is the telegenic amiability that persuaded the BBC to give him the job of captain on A Question of Sport.

Leaping to that conclusion. however, carries a person bounding over the sort of distance normally achieved only by an Olympic triple jumper, so far removed is it from the truth. McCoist's features are always on the alert for the next joke, but the extent of the grin conceals the depth of the determination. He purveys remorselessness with a

It is possible to count the precise number of occasions on which this fact ought to have registered. His brace, in the 4-3 win over Hibernian at Ibrox on Saturday, set a new post-war scoring record for league football in Scotland of 265 goals. The first 22 of them were banked with St Johnstone when he was still a teenager.

The only appointment McCoist is guaranteed to keep is the one that requires him to arrive in the six-yard box at precisely the right instant. This is the earliest I've ever been late," he is supposed to have announced, proudly, when turning up for a club function only a little while

after everyone else.

McCoist. 34 and far from fit, continues to be vital to Rangers. The club could soon sign Sebastian Rozenthal from Universidad Catolica for £2 million, but the Chilean forward may prove to be the veteran's partner in the side rather than his replacement. After all, no youth from a distant land would be trusted to pump Rangers full of indefatigability, as McCoist did on Saturday.

Weary after defeat by Auxerre and lacking at least five players who would usually be selected, the Ibrox side encountered a resourceful per-formance from Hibernian and fell 2-1 behind. McCoist's goals, fine examples of the poacher's art, heaved Rangers

KEVIN McCARRA Scottish

commentary

back into a 3-2 lead. Whether one describes him as pursuing a personal ambition or as fighting the club's cause is unimportant; the steeliness with which he sets about his work is all that matters. its consequence is the eight-

point lead Rangers now hold

tish League premier division. The advantage springs from the strength of purpose shown by McCoist and his teammates while enduring all the hyperbole and anxiety that surrounds the attempt to equal the record of nine successive championships held by their Glasgow rivals.

Fir Park shamed Tommy Burns's team as much as it damaged them. The Lanarkshire side lost their goalkeeper. Scott Howie, with a suspected fracture of the cheekbone after 64 minutes and had to replace him with Jamie Dolan, a small midfield player whom the reference books claim to be 5ft 9in.

then and although Celtic evenresponded with a further goal, from Ian Ross, in the 89th minute. When examining of vast improvements and great shortcomings. The quality of Celtic's squad has been Celtic have simply buckled. A 2-1 defeat by Motherwell at enhanced and, until Saturday,

> Rangers since May 1995. riority to Rangers has always

been a sackable offence for tually ground out an equaliser, Alex McLeish's team Burns's labours since 1994, pression has grown of a fractious and irresolute club. one sees a peculiar amalgam

not a single league match had been lost to anyone other than On the other hand, Celtic have failed whenever presented with the kind of pivotal game that decides a championship and are turning into habitual losers of the Old Firm fixture. As Burns knows, infe-

men in his post, yet it is hard to tell how a swift resurgence can be organised. After a brief squabble over squad bonuses and the long dispute concerning Pierre van Hooijdonk's contract, the im-

The loss of Jackie McNamara, with a hamstring injury, is a further inchement to self-pity. With Jorge Cadete summoned to join the Portugal squad and van Hooijdonk certain to be in the Holland party, Celtic may seek postponement of their matches against Kil-marnock and Raith Rovers this week. At this moment, however, the club's deepest yearning must be for a cancellation

of the entire season.

Premiership title challenge. The dream goes on.

WARBLEDON (4.3-1-2): N Sullivan Curningham, D Blackwell, C Per Kumble — R Emir pair M Harolet, J Johns, N Ardley — O Leonhardsen Goyle (sub D Holdsworth, 13). E Biol

and turn in bed as he twisted

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Arsenal without Berg-

kamp are a pretty uninven-

tive lot. Certainly they had

nobody to match the cool

technical aplomb, the neat

use of the ball, of Asanovic.

the Derby midfield player. Well might Smith say: "He's

been a major influence. He's

given us the quality that we

Once Sturridge had

shown that Arsenal's back

three had boots of clay.

however, other Derby play-

ers wanted to get in on the

It was Sturridge's strike

partner, Ward, who drove a

shot over the stranded Lukic

from some 25 yards on the

half-hour, only for it to hit

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FOOTBALL: EVERTON POSE TRADITIONAL PROBLEMS FOR GUILLIT'S BLEND OF CONTINENTAL FLAIR

Ferguson brings old-fashioned values to the fore

A acquaintance, when asked something like What are you doing in that bathroom?", usually answers. "I'm creating mayhem." If you asked Duncan Ferguson what he was doing in that penalty area, he would give the same

reply.

Everion came to Chelsea, the current capital of nouvelle vague football and home of everything exotic in the FA Carling Premiership, and set about them with the one great throwback of a centre forward left in the top-class game.

It made for a splendid afternoon of mayhem and grace, both sides providing both qualities, but mixed in different proportions. Chelsea's back line includes the lavishly praised Lebocuf and the richly promising Duberry. but Ferguson made mayhem

among them all afternoon.

How hateful it must be to play against him. His size is bad enough; it hardly seems fair that he can leap like a stag as well. Also, he can play football, an altogether unfair advantage in a throwback. Worst of all is his unbridled delight in the fray, that terrible and intimate love of physical contact

Chelsea set the Premiership pace at the start of the season - "early doors," as their manager, Ruud Gullit said, with linguistic versatility but subsequently showed that there is a flaw in their challenge. However, that is true of every other side in the top half. It makes for an intriguing, if sub-excellent, championship thus far.

Last weekend, Leeds United met Chelsea's speed of foot and thought with the ancient philosophy of "let's see how fast you can limp." Chelsea were kicked out of it and you wondered if Everton would try the same tactic.

Or perhaps they would start some serious kicking once they fell behind early on. The goal came through a voluptuous

SIMON BARNES



sees Cheisea share a thrilling 2-2 draw

free kick by Zola, the most elegant and obvious contrast to Ferguson. Zola and La Bête Humaine, if you like.

Football is essentially a contradiction, a game played without the precision tools of all man-like beasts, the hands. Yet precision and beauty are essential aspects of the game - hence Zola's curvy, swirly, dippy 25-yarder.

Time, then, for a little mayhem. Ferguson is not head and shoulders above his opponents: when he leaps, he is head shoulders and chest above them. The subtlest defending tactics in the world are no good if nine out of ten high balls gets knocked down by an exuberant young giant.
Ferguson's knockdown made

the first goal for Everton, shoved home by Branch, an 18year-old whose wild caperings of celebration made it clear that this was his first senior goal. Everton then took the lead, thanks to a precisely struck 40-yard cross-field ball from, well, Ferguson, as it happened.

One of the many alarming things that can happen on a football field is disorientation. As the ball moves about, you can lose your sense of direction and the precise understanding of where everybody else is. That is why you constantly see

defenders reaching out to grope the man they are marking. You need to know where he is, and where the ball is at the same time.

Ferguson's pass soared sweetly over Clarke's head, straight into the stride of the man he thought he was mark-ing. Kanchelskis is never backward in coming forward when there is a chance to run and shoot, and he did so to

Everton might have had more, such was the work of the mayhem man, but they were still mightily satisfied with their first half. Cue, then, a rather different second half. Chelsea put on one of the great pyrotechnic displays of the season thus far.

Zola did most of it, a joy to watch. Vialli scored once and might have had dozens. Zola hit the crossbar, Petrescu and Gullit did some mesmeric stuff along the right. One goal was poor reward for it all, but it was, at least, an awfully pleasant goal. Zola — Gullit — Zola — Vialli, a five second dismembering of the Everton defence, one that seemed designed to prove, in that small fragment of time, that Premiership exoticisms are a legitimate part of modern football and can give throwbacks a decent game any day.

It was a splendid afternoon of football. I wonder how much more splendid it would have been without a pair of linesmen who seemed quite slavishly in league with the defenders. Every assistant ref-eree is still a happy little flagwagger at heart, so fearful of the flak he will receive for a mistake that causes a goal that he makes error after error the other way and stifles the life

out of the game.

The problem is, of course, that the job is physically impossible. Your eyes simply cannot focus on the ball as it is played forward and on the front line at the same time and always, fearing catastophe, or



ment in the game, linesmen give the benefit of any doubt to the defending side.

Referees are largely on top of one dubious tactic, that of kicking the opposition off the park - the Leeds v Chelsea game was something of a throwback in itself — but

when it comes to offside, a second dubious and game-killing tactic, we find officials actually in league with the forces of darkness.

Nevertheless, it was a rich afternoon that no jelly-bellied flag-flapper could spoil. It came from two sides not quite

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Sturridge is too quick for Arsenal

Derby County

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

HOW very nearly was Arsenal's bluff called. It was as late as the ninetieth minute when their desperate, if somewhat unfocused, pressure at last brought them the equaliser they scarcely deserved. The resilient Adams crossed from the left-hand byline, the ball came out to Vieira and he smashed his shot into the

As Arsenal's scholarly manager, Arsène Wenger, pointed out, it could have been 3-2 if a strangely subdued Ian Wright had not proceeded to miss a fine chance right in front of goal. That though, would have been carrying recovery a

Jim Smith, the engaging Derby County manager. admitted to his disappointment. "A good feeling, in a way, to come to Arsenal and feel disappointed. We got mugged in the last minutes: I thought the referee was doing the mugging. A couple of decisions; he gave corners which should have been goal kicks." Indeed, it was this bar-

rage of corners that, in the end, wore the Derby defence down, though the mighty veteran, McGrath, whom Smith called "magnificent", never wavered.

One talks of Arsenal's bluff in relation to their suspect defence. Lacking Keown, it looked more vulnerable than ever to players who, forgetting reputation and respect, simply run at it and take it on.

Nobody ran at it more cheekily, bravely and suc-cessfully than little Dean Sturridge who gave it, in the second half, a real chasing.

He raised the thought that, when Arsenal played Stoke City at Highbury in a Coca-Cola Cup tie last month, they were lucky not to be facing Sturridge's older brother, Simon, who maintains the family virtues of pace, control and courage.

may find the name of Sturridge gives them night-

the bar. It was the attacking left back, Chris Powell, who engineered Derby's second goal, after 28 minutes of the second half, receiving from Asanovic, gliding past Linighan to the goalline as though the defender was not there, then pulling back a ball that Sturridge headed, Lukic could only push out, and which the other Powell, Darryl, gleefully struck into Sturridge had scored Full results and league tables ... Page 30

Derby's first goal II minutes earlier. Beating Adams, who sold himself on the left. much as he had done against Ostenstad, of Southampton, last Wednesday, Sturridge finally pivoted to strike a fulminating rightfooter against the underside of the bar. This time, however, Arsenal did not get away with it. The ball

bounced over the line. Arsenal, against all logic and justice, had taken the lead just before half-time. They do specialise in lastgasp goals. Merson, nothing like as dangerous as he had been against Southampton. sent a long centre in from the left. Adams popped up post to head strongly in from a difficult angle.

Wenger said Arsenal had some "heavy legs" after five games in a formight. He admitted that Vieira could have been sent off, risking a second yellow card in the second half, though both manager and player insisted that the real trouble was that Vieira, told to be aggressive, was "maybe a little less fresh: that's why he makes

the fouls." Wenger plainly still hopes that George Weah, the AC Milan striker, may join Arsenal next season. Meanwhile, he says he is looking for "a good player who can play in different positions." So is everyone else.

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Managers share sanity in a maddening world



O'Neill: satisfied

Blackburn Rovers

By Russell Kempson

ASSESS any FA Carling Premiership manager on any given day, particularly a match day, and the chances are he is greying of temple, furrowed of brow and short of patience. An altogether hassled human being, teetering on the brink of implosion or explosion; a fraught, frag-ile figure to be treated with

It was thus refreshing, at a foggy Filbert Street on Saturday, to witness two managers at peace with the Premiership and, seemingly, the world. Martin O'Neill, of Leicester City, and Tony Parkes, temporarily in charge of Blackburn Rovers, not only

There were no heart-rending complaints of what might have been, no eye-popping vilification of the referee and no flagrant abdication of responsibility. Though they might not bear the same weight of expectation as, for example, Messrs Ferguson, Keegan and Evans, how civilised it was, for a change, to attend post-match discussions devoid of recrimination and

It was not overly surprising. As the mist swirled in off the River Soar, masking much of the proceedings, Leicester and Blackburn shared an honorable if unimaginative draw. Blackburn went ahead in the 34th minute, when Sutton headed home after Sherwood's shot had struck the crossbar, and Leicester equalised when Marshall nodded in Lennon's free kick 11 minutes from time. Even in their more animat-

ed moments, O'Neill and Parkes would have struggled to get too excited. It was only a short step up from the mundane. Yet what delighted them were the overall developgraduation of Leicester from expected cannon-fodder for the big boys to mid-table acceptance and, for Blackburn, the gradual resurrection from embarrassing under-achievers to spirited perform-

"We've got 21 points now, which is about what many people thought we might get over the whole season," O'Neill said. "Taking every-thing into account, the side has performed to its abilities wonderfully well. If you put it in some form of half-sensible context, we're doing OK. I've no complaints."

In other words, forget the critics who said we would go straight back down to the first division; we are doing all right, thank you. With that, O'Neill announced he was taking advantage of the team's two-week break by checking out the dozen or so faxes he receives every day from player-hawking agents. A trek to Europe beckons.

For Parkes, the inner satisfaction and outward contentment is derived more from the happy knowledge that his little adventure will soon be concluded, when Blackburn finally employ a permanent replacement for the departed Ray Harford. Parkes does not want the job, he never has done and can, therefore,

Warholesque, bask in his 15 minutes of fame.

"It's only short-term, it's a bit of a hobby for me," he said. "It's lovely pitting my wits against the other Premiership managers — I'm enjoying it, it's a real huzz - but I know it's all going to come to an "I'm a happy-go-lucky type of bloke and I think time

would alter that. The pressures build up; I've seen it at close quarters and it's not very pleasant, I don't want that, I don't want to change." Happily, it is not all lunacy in the Premiership asylum. LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2): K Keller — 1 Marshall, J Wells, S Prior — M tzet, N Lamon, G Parker (sub: P Kaernerk, 71mm), S Taylor, S Grayson — S Clardge, E

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Little prepares Villa to meet challenge of festive six-pack

BRIAN LITTLE, the Aston Villa manager, reels off the names of their next six opponents in the FA Carling Premiership as smoothly as James Alexander Gordon intoning the football results . . . Wimbledon, Chelsea, Arsenal, Manchester United Newcastle United and Liverpool. As Little concludes, his players are about to find out how

good they really are. It was hard to tell at The Dell on Saturday. Villa won for the fourth time in successive matches to move into fourth place, only five points behind the leaders, Arsenal All those fixtures, however, have been against desperate sides such as Southampton, for whom this was a

fifth consecutive defeat. Villa are entering the period that will make or break their season and Little will be more interested than anybody to see how they cope.
The expectation around Villa Park has always been very high," he said, and it was one of the things that we did not handle very well in

the first part of the season. "It is up to ourselves now. We are well aware that from where we are now, which is where we should be, all of a sudden we could disappear again. We have two weeks to prepare for Wimbledon and hope-

fully we will get everything right and come out with a team that will do well in those six games."

There is no reason why they should not. Villa's game is unashamedly based on making themselves hard to beat, which they have continued to be despite the absence of such outstanding players as Bosnich, Southgate and Charles, but they have potential match-winners in every department, as they proved with their goal in the 34th minute.

It began with Wright winning the ball with a biting tackle in midfield and then having off down the left, where Milosevic found him with a wonderfully perceptive pass. Wright was left with only Beasant to beat, but he unselfishly slipped the ball across goal for Townsend to score so easily that Southampton

were convinced he was offside. . . That left them nursing a grievance against the referee for the second successive week but the fact of the matter is that those heady days of October, when they put six goals past Manchester United, are already lost in the mists of time.

Southampton did have their chances, two falling to Watson in the first five minutes, when he could not beat Oakes, and another to Ostenstad in the 75th minute, when he steered the ball against an upright, but in between times Townsend twice finished recklessly when he was clean through and Milosevic brought a magnificent

left-foot strike.

Not so long ago, Villa were prepared to sell Milosevic, fuelling speculation that they wanted to replace him with Collymore, but since that deal fell through he has played a significant part in their winning run. He is so committed to the left that he can make John Prescott look like a Tory, but Little said: "If anybody who has seen him today tells me that he is not a good footballer, I have to look him straight in the eye and say: 'I'm sorry, you're wrong."."

Southampton have an incredible talent of their own, of course, in Le Tissier, and the good news for them is that he may return against Oxford United in a Coca-Cola Cup replay a week on Wednesday.

Graeme Souness, the manager, knows, however, that even he may not be enough to save them this time." I'm hoping that we can bring in two more players, a striker and a defender, in a very short time. The danger is that we are putting in a lot of players who are new to each other but the alternative is to run with what we've got and we are obviously short in certain areas. I don't think there is a choice."

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Klinsmann ready to leave Bayern

JURGEN KLINSMANN has given the broadest hint yet that he may be about to leave Bayern Munich. Klinsmann's relationship with Giovanni Trapattoni, the Bayern coach, has deteriorated during a season in which he has

scored just five goals. "If it goes on like this, I'm leaving," Klinsmann, who captained the Germany team that won England this summer, said. The Bundesliga is just beginning its two month winter break.

"I have had to swallow a lot and I'm prepared to swallow a lot more to win the German championship," Klinsmann said. "But when everyone takes it out on me, I have to ask myself whether I belong

Bayern lead the championship. but have scored far fewer goals than Borussia Dortmund, their main rivals for the title, and Transitioni's tactics have been widely criticised.

Klinsmann's contract at Bavern runs until the end of the season and his comments are sure to interest several English clubs after his hugely successful season with ann Hotspur in 1994-95, Totteni when he was voted Footballer of the Year.

"I have been in Munich oneand a half years and always believed things would get better. But nothing has got better," Klins-

still taxed by import duty than a Roman, to keep Leeds's three central defenders fully Middlesbrough ..

Leeds United ..

By PETER BALL

FOREIGN affairs continued to command the attention at Middlesbrough on Saturday. The scoreline said almost all there was to say about a desperately poor match almost, but not quite. It failed to reveal the extent of Middlesbrough's domination.

After their poor run, their fourth point out of 33 was scart reward. but Bryan Robson, their manager. could take some consolation from the suggestions that Emerson, his errant and absent Brazilian, may return with his wife today, and even more from his team's spirit, epitomised by Fabrizio Ravanelli. his Italian striker.

Last week, as if Robson did not

have enough problems with his imports, even the impeccable Juninho got in on the act with a report that his transfer from São Paolo was being investigated by the Brazilian fraud squad. More pertinently, stories of Ravanelli's desire to join a more successful club surfaced again. Ravanelli denied it and on Saturday his performance spoke louder than any words. With good support from Jan Aage Fjortoft, playing his first game of the season. Ravanelli produced Middlesbrough's best moments and worked like a Trojan, rather

stretched all afternoon.

Frustrated Middlesbrough

"All those stories about two camps in the dressing room, about lack of team spirit, were rubbish." Neil Cox, the Middlesbrough defender, said. "You could see that today - there was a lot going on off the ball out there and as soon as a scuffle broke out, all the boys were in there together, everyone came in.

Ravanelli and Jan were great up

front. Ray was superb, he worked and chased and battled for a result. He and Jan they were chasing the ball into the corners, they gave 110 per cent." They also provided the moments when Middlesbrough could have won. Fjortoft may lack the pace to be an outstanding striker in the FA Carling Premiership, but his touch is good, so is his brain, and his

ability to turn a defender and strike the ball in one movement is breathtaking. One turn and chip, leaving Beesley on his back, would have produced a goal for a taller man than Hignett. Another turn and instant shot produced a save Martyn only bettered when Ravanelli tested him.

Yet how much longer will Ravanelli be prepared to serve a losing cause? They are a poor side," Branco, Middlesbrough's departed Brazilian, had said last week. If that was not unbiased testimony, they are certainly a long

good side, where does that leave eeds, who were second-best all afternoon? Not as brutal as against Chelsea last week, they were still niggling and nasty.

Bowyer set the tone in the first five minutes, tangling with Ravanelli. Palmer inevitably picked up his sixth booking of the season, giving him more points than his team. It provoked the thought, with memories of Arsenal under Graham flooding back, that the Football Association let him off lightly with a one-year ban. It should have been longer - not because of any "bungs", but because of the awful football his teams play.

Graham, needless to say, was pleased with the draw and his side's fourth clean sheet in five games. "You've got to build from the back and clean sheets give confidence." he said. To win games you have to score goals, however, and Leeds never threatened to do that on Saturday.

Still, Graham is remaining true to his principles by buying another centre half. John Scales is expected to sign from Liverpool for around £2.8 million this morning.

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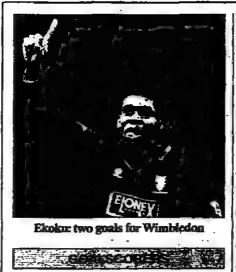
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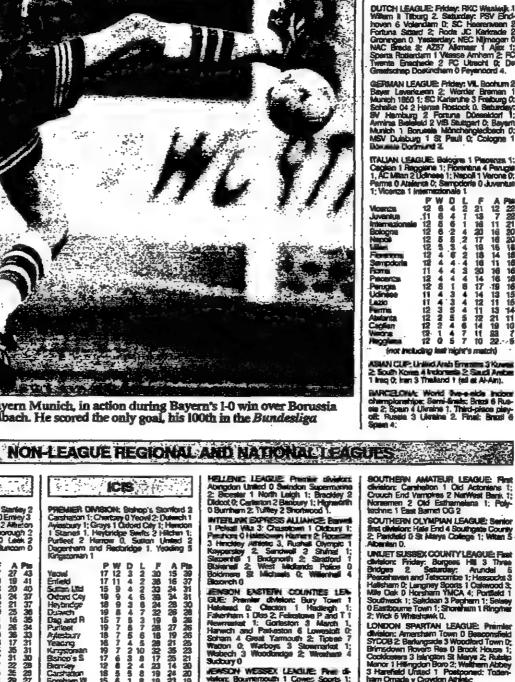
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Rob Hughes sees Barcelona, and an Englishman abroad, bow to the might of Madrid

Real power poses threat to Robson's reign in Spain

Robson's a few short weeks ago, the relish in particular of being guardian to Ronaldo, arguably the world's greatest de-veloping talent, left the English manager in Spain abruptly, deep into Saturday night.

When Real Madrid's marvelous second goal went in against his Barcelona team in the second half, Robson was slumped in the corner of the dugout - a man alone in a crowd of more than 100,000 at Real's Bernebeu Stadium, a man whose every response to what players young enough to be his grandchildren were doing was being monitored by five hundred million television viewers in 40 countries. This is what

football managers call "pressure". Many of those suffering souls who never grapple with anything more complicated than the English game would say that they would swap dugouts with the Durham miner's son for his million-pound salary. Little do they appreciate that one defeat, notably a 2-0 defeat to the imperial power from Madrid, quickens tempers in Catalonia, where Robson's task is, first and foremost, to defeat the enemy from the south.

He is trying something even more special. At 63, Robson seeks to conclude probably his final challenge by adding the Spanish league title to the championships he managed in Holland, with PSV Eindhoven, and in Portugal, with FC Porto. What does a manager, any manager, do when the opposition scores twice, and his own team shows the spirit to come back, strike the woodwork twice, and the footballing world sits in judgment? After a ten-hour buildup for this 144th encounter between Real and Barcelona, the rigour and order that Fabio Capello, released last summer by AC Milan, has so quickly in-grained into his side, were better than the liberalism that Robson allows his individuals, called from Portugal, France, Romania and, of

He needed something like Brit-

Capello's equally cosmopolitan squad. He got it from Luis Enrique and Guardiola, but the mercenaries - fellows like Popescu, Figo and Giovanni - only seemed prepared to run so far. At that point the legs were run off them by players representing a club trying to see off a mountain of debt and simultaneously to recapture the honour of being called the best side in the world.

The goals, though so different in style, were claimed first by a Croat,

and then a Monminutes, Roberto Carlos, the Brazil left back, swung in a low, curling missed, negligen ly, by Luis En-rique and the Frenchman, Laueven more negligent was to leave. Davor Suker, a man elready nowned for his predatory in-stincts. "This night is the big gest in the world after a World

Cup," he had said Suker, dark,

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if that goal was harsh, given that Barcelona were then achieving the alm of possessing the ball and frustrating the Madrid aficionados, the second strike, four minutes into the second half, was pure class.

It came with the smoothness, almost the indolence, with which seemingly every fan in this awesome, five-tiered stadium, peeled the silver foil off their ham sandwiches during the break. Zip, began the inspiration from right back. His pass to Hiero was His pass to Hiero was

strode forward and released the ball from the centre circle. From there, the two former Yugoslavs, Suker and Mijatovic, worked on and off the ball, and joined with the surging Dittchman, Seedorf, to carve curming openings in the Barcelona resistance in the space

of split seconds. It must have been almost a relief when those representing Catalonia saw the sheer brilliance, the toying with their defenders, end with the ball gently lobbed forward by Seedorf and art-

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> and occupying him. The young man had his knee operated on long before his

frame by frame. some of the astonmuscular might that make him the league, with 13 goals in his first 16

Whatever Mancunians may wish, he is the property of Barcelona, whose response to even a sniff of a bid was to offer him another half a million pounds on his £1.3 million salary. Would Manchester offer Ronaldo's family the Medi-Would they find a villa as luxurious as this young genius's family enjoys rent-free? Would Nike, his

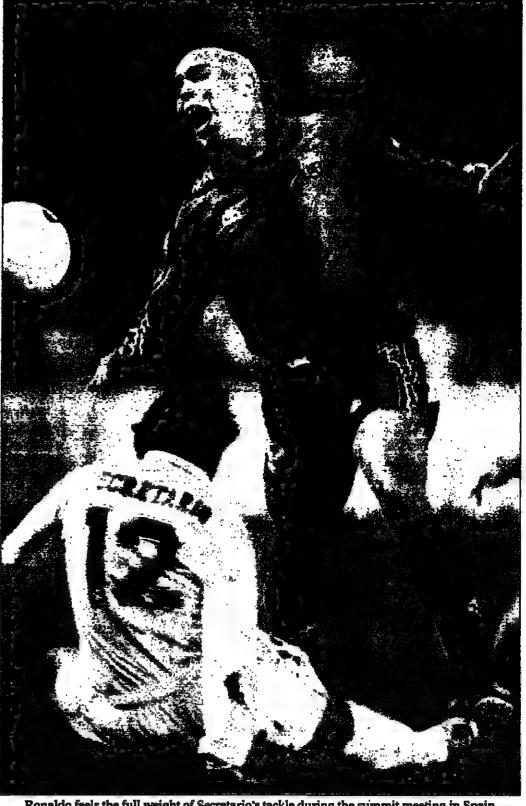
£750.000 per annum, want him transferred to the city of Umbro? Business interwoven with sport.

Not just because Ronaldo's head is shaven, not just because he has a fully developed and imposing build, he appears quite manly, and certainly undisturbed by the clamour. Outside, as youths not far short of his age attempted to climb the giant towers of the stadium, Ronaldo confirmed that he is flattered by Manchester United's interest, flattered by comparisons to Cruyff and Pelé, but said: "I am happy where I am, I have a long way to travel for Barcelona and for title and the World Cup, and I think both are possible."

From the youth to the men who bought him. A harsh observer will have seen how grey and forlorn, how apparently old, Robson looked in his stillness, compared with Capello. "Capello has demonstrated his class tonight," Luis Fernandez, the former France international, who was one of a great phalanx of managers and coaches drawn to "the game of the century", said. Robson, even in deleat, showed

his defiance. He argued that his players had created opportunities; that, even two goals down, they had shown spirit. This man, who managed England in the frenzy of the Azteca Stadium with its 114,000 audience, who had taken Ipswich Town through a 0-0 draw against Real Madrid decades ago, insisted: Defeat tonight had nothing to do with the atmosphere. Sure, it was electric, fantastic. But these play-Their performance today, and for the rest of this season, is up there with Real Madrid . . . and I tell you we will be very much closer to them when we meet again, at our place, towards the end of the

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Ronaldo feels the full weight of Secretario's tackle during the summit meeting in Spain

FA CUP: CAMBRIDGE THE LATEST TO SUFFER AT THE HANDS OF VAUXHALL CONFERENCE TEAM

Dismissal pegs Walker breaks the deadlock to send back Enfield

Peterborough United 1

BY NICK SECREPANER

THE sight of footballers kissing is nothing new; managers however, are another matter. But then George Borg, of Enfield, (the kisser) and Barry Fry, of Peterborough United, (the kissed) are something of a mutual admiration society. I've worked for him, I've played for him. I love him to death; he's great," Borg said of his mentor after the drawn FA Cup second-round game at Icis League club's Southbury Road ground on Saturday. Fry was only slight

Glenn Hoddle, the England manager, and Bobby Robson, one of his predecessors, who is now in charge of Barcelona, will make the draw for the third round of the FA Cup tonight. The draw will be shown live on BBC2 at 10.15pm.

SECOND-ROUND REPLAY DATES: December 17: Wycorribe Wanderen v Bernet (7 45), Petertoorough United v Enfield (7 45); Burnley v Weiself (7.45); Scurshorpe United v Wrexham (7.45).

less effusive about Borg, once captain under his managership at Maidstone.

To tell the truth, the bonhomie was probably fuelled partly by relief on both sides that they were still in the competition. Either team could have been eliminated during a frantic final minute, which encapsulated the drama of the Cup, even if the match as a whole did not. First it seemed Peterborough must score the winner in a scramble inches from Enfield's goalline. Then the ball was hacked clear to Annon, who set off on a blistering 50-yard run that

was only stopped by Griemink's dive at his feet.

Borg: bonhomie

substitute, but as the visitors

"If he'd hit the target, we'd have been out," Fry said. "It looked like we might get one, then the ball went out to that whippet and he slaughtered us. At least miracles happen; Peterborough United are in the draw for round three."

Only just, after falling behing early on when Mar-shall's turn and lob caught Griemink off his line. Peterborough were in some danger until Graham Pooley, the ref-eree, rightly showed Hannigan, the Enfield defender, the red card for a rash. high tackle on Houghton. Neither manager agreed with the decision, which Fry described as "unfortunate". Borg said. "A yellow card

would have been fair." The loss of Hannigan neces-sarily curtailed Enfield's ambitions, but Peterborough were still unable to find much rhythm, and despite mounting pressure. Charlery's equalising header ten minutes into the second half proved to be their only effort on target.

The tension got to Houghton. Hannigan's earlier victim, who was booed throughout by the Enfield supporters. When he was substituted late in the game, he took off his shirt and threw it at his manager. "He's the best shirt-puller-off-and-thrower in the world," Fry said. "I'm not sure if he's sick with me or

himself. "Although we got in good positions, Pape didn't have a shot to save. Enfield fought like tigers, which you expect from George's team, and deserved to get a replay." Such was Fry's verdict as a manager, and in his other role, as owner? "I need the replay — I

need the money." Borg is also looking forward to the return at London Road. The players deserve another crack at it," he said. "We'll be prepared and we'll give it a go. Barry's got some quality

players even though they are not doing well in the league. Knowing him as I do, he'll turn them round and I hope that will happen after we beat that will happen after we beat them at Peterborough."

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PETERBOROUGH LUNTED (4-4-2): B Glernink — G Heald, A Edwards, M Bodley, S Clerte — R Wills, M Ebdon (auto: D Mortison, 32), O Payne, S Houghten (auto: D Mortison, 32), O Payne, S Houghten (auto: L Boothroyd, 52) — K Charley, M Cantuffvers (auto: C Gardini, 72).

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Woking marching on to glory

Cambridge United 0 Woking

BY WALTER GAMMIE

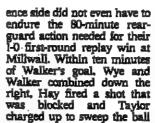
THIS time, Clive Walker admitted, his match-winning stroke of genius had a hint of

Woking's FA Cup secondround tie against Cambridge United at the Abbey Stadium on Saturday was, he felt, heading for a draw unless somebody "tried something a little bit different." Given unexpected room 25 yards from goal outside the top left-hand corner of the Cambridge penalty area, Walker floated over a high, hanging cross to the

far post. He had reasoned that Scott Barrett, the Cambridge goalkeeper, had dealt with his previous couple of crosses flatter, quicker and aimed at the middle. "I thought I'd hit the ball long to see if I could find Darran Hay or someone beyond the far post," Walker said. "When I looked up, I thought, if it bends, it's going

to go in.""
Bend the ball did, and brushed off the post into the net. The goal, in the 74th minute, might have been blessed with luck but it was the kind earned by calculated premeditation from a player. who is a past master at trying for every little bit going.

Nor were Woking fortunate to win. The Vauxhall Confer-



Cambridge had, in Hyde, yellow-booted and blue mittened, and Preece, rather less ostentatious, a potent midfield combination. Batty, in the Woking goal, however, proved himself alert to every danger. "He's the best goalkeeper in non-League football. Magnificent — is that good enough?" Walker said, turning with a erin to his team-mate.



CUP Equally impressive was

Foster, a central defender signed for £9,000 from Telford United, whose speed and reading of the game brought him back to make a sliding interception to rob Beall and a flying header to deny Kyd.
"He's only 21," Geoff Chapple, the Woking manager, said. "He's worth at least £100,000 more than that £9,000. I'm going to have trouble keeping him. I've already got clubs looking at him."

It is keeping hold of a rather more senior figure that is his immediate concern — a 39vear-old whom he compared to Bobby Charlton - bald pate, two good feet, ambassaer has been approached by Rushden and Diamonds to become their player-coach. Under contract with Woking. he insisted the decision is not his. "It's up to the management committee - the ball is in their court," he said. The committee, the 11-strong

decision-making or decisionmuddling body, take your pick, that runs the club meets tonight. Chapple said: "I don't think he'll leave. He enjoys it here. The last three or four

seasons have been good to him. He's made a lot of friends. The grass is not always greener. It's not just about the money they can

Walker had made no secret that he wants to become involved in coaching. "We've got a coach [Colin Lippiatt] and a set-up with 14 or 15 players," Chapple said. "It works well. The way he's playing I can't see why Clive won't get another playing contract. I'll be ready to think again if we get into the Football League, but I can't change things at the moment." Woking's league ambitions

may be lost for the season if the Cup draw throws up an attention-stealing tie. "It's got to be Old Trafford for me," Chapple said. "Chelsea". Batty hollered, not just for his own sake, but pointing towards Walker, the Stamford Bridge old boy.

The Kidderminster Harriers manager certainly hopes so. Chapple revealed that Graham Allner, before leading his team to the 4-1 win over Dover Athletic that took them 12 points clear of Woking in the Conference, sent a fax "hoping you stay in the Cup as long as possible."

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Sudbury's FA Cup journey

Bolton pay the penalty for Branagan error

West Bromwich Albion .2 Bolton Wanderers 2

By RICHARD HOBSON

A THICK fog lingered over the West Midlands yesterday. but at The Hawthorns the promotion credentials of Bolton Wanderers remained clearly visible. All good teams chisel out results when they are some way off their best, and that was the case as Bolton extended their lead at the top of the Nationwide League first division to three points against a

Bromwich Albion side that overcame a number of injuries to display a tenacity that enabled them to twice come back from behind. However, Bolton were not entirely happy with their after-

noon's work. But for a mo-ment of indiscipline from Keith Branagan, the goalkeeper, they would have completed their fourth away win of the season and, remarkably, only their second in the last 21 encounters between these sides here. The visitors were 2-1 up with 12 minutes left when, needlessly, Branagan pushed Paul Peschisolido after catching a cross from Paul Groves. The penalty was awarded and Taylor, a substitute, duly converted, although not before both Branagan and Blake had been booked by Kevin Lynch, the referee, for

dissent. In all, six players were shown the yellow card in what was, at times, an unedifying spectacle. Just three minutes had gone when Darby, of Albion, playing against his former club, clattered into Blake and should have been dismissed, regardless of the early stage of proceedings. Later. Taggart, the Bolton defender, was guilty of a similarly gruesome challenge on Peschisolido near the cor-

Bolton have led the division since the middle of September. The departure of Sasa Curcic has been compensated by the arrival of Per Frandsen, who might not possess the maverick individual qualities of the Serb but fits into the overall pattern more easily.

There was an element of fortune in the way that he found himself in a position to put Bolton ahead, after 37 minutes, but his finish was as cool as the temperature. A pass to McGinlay rebounded

unfortunate Smith and he curled a shot away from Crichton from 14 yards.

Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, warned his players at half-time to be more cautious in the way they moved for-ward and blamed bad positioning for the manner in which Peschisolido was allowed to level two minutes after the resumption. He met a through-ball from Sneekes unopposed and continued un-challenged before tucking his shot beyond Branagan.

Todd claims that he is no longer interested in signing Mike Newell, the Birmingham striker, and can have no qualms with the effort of either McGinlay or Blake. Indeed, a

Schools sport

good work-rate was apparent throughout a side generally noted for flair rather than

Had they been spared that rush of blood by Branagan, Bolton may have eased to success, because Todd felt that they were at their most comfortable after Fairclough, punishing a mistake by Agnew, had put them 2-1 ahead. Then again, television replays suggested that Albion should have won a second penalty in injury time, when a cross from Coldicott struck Taggart on the arm.

"We cannot keep shooting ourselves in the foot," Todd said. "Keith had a good afternoon in general, but it was a moment of stupidity. We have to be more professional in a situation like that."

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Hednesford dance into third round

By Kerryt Poke

WOKING'S FA Cup exploits may have become something of a routine, but there was no disguising the joy felt by their Vauxhall Conference colleagues, Hednesford Town and Stevenage Borough, as they furthered the cause of the "fifth division" on Saturday. Both clubs travelled to Nationwide League opposition and both returned savouring well-deserved places in the

third-round draw. Hednesford's triumph over Blackpool, secured with Joe O'Connor's goal three minutes from time, prompted John Baldwin, the manager, to dance a jig of delight across Bloomfield Road. It was, he said, "a dream come true and the greatest day in the club's For every winner ... stew-

ards had to protect Gary Megson as supporters of the club that won the Cup in 1953 called for the manager's head. Vicki Oyston, the Blackpool chairman, refused to be panicked. "I've got to look at the long-term interests of Blackpool," she said. "I don't believe in knee-jerk reactions." Stevenage, who, but for a

controversial decision to deny

them automatic promotion, would have been competing against Leyton Orient as third division equals, rammed home the point with a 2-1 triumph at Brisbane Road. The Conference champions were ahead inside a minute through Corey Browne, pegged back by Channing's header; but in front again before half-time thanks to Neil Catlin. Peter Shilton, in the Orient goal, had little

I WY JOHN TOTAL

chance of stopping either Boreham Wood came with-

in six minutes of forcing a replay against Luton Town at Kenilworth Road, but it can go horribly wrong for the minnows. St Albans were swamped 9-2 by Bristol City at Ashton Gate, where Agostino scored four, while Ashford Town conceded five goals in the second half to Watford at Vicarage Road

For Brentford, there are a few hours left to cling to the prospect of a preferred thirdround pairing with Manchester United; for Sudbury Town, thoughts must turn to might-have-beens and the forthcoming delights of Merthyr and Mildenhall Sudbury had heroism by the tractor-load, but out the Suffolk side went, 3-1. Sometimes, bravery is just not enough.

had started at Gorleston in September and proceeded via those other football hothouses

of Purflect, Corby and Canvey Island. By the time that they had reached the competition proper for the first time, beating Brighton was a breeze. On Saturday, though, class told. Brentford were too composed, too determined and

ultimately too fit for their Dr Martens League rivals. With six former Colchester United players in their ranks, Sudbury had chosen Layer Road - scene of one of the great unsets a quarter of a century ago -- as the venue. Yet if they sought inspiration, they found only frustration and, but for the heroics of Steve Mokler, their defiant, diminutive goalkeeper, it could have been a humiliation.

back into his path off the

Packers prepare to come in from the cold

nationally known figure, but he is a celebrity in these parts. His fame has lasted for more than a year now. since the day when the light plane in which he was a passenger crashed a couple of hundred miles from here, at a place called Stevens Point. The doctors who treated him said his life had been saved because he was wearing a giant piece of cheese on his head. The

cheese, you see, was there as a sign of 'Team is the allegiance to Green Bay Packers, the team from small town's only town, blue-collar source of pride' America that is threatening to rip the Super Bowl

away from big city slickers such as Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers this year and inject a rare shot of sentimentality and romance into American football. Packers supporters glory in the nickname "Cheeseheads" because of the prevalance of dairy farming

in Wisconsin. Emmert's escape, a result of the cheese cushioning the impact when the plane crashed on its way back from a Packers game in Cleveland, merely confirmed

rank Emmert Ir is not a the opinion here that being a nationally known figure. Packers fan really is a matter of life and death

It only takes a few hours in this town - population 96,466 - that huddles around an inlet off Lake Michigan, about 200 miles north of Chicago near the Canadian border, to realise quite how interwoven in the fabric of everyday life the team is. The degree of intensity of support it attracts is unnerving. It is a kind of sporting commitment that is a social

phenomenon. Yesterday nearly 60,000 supporters braved sub-zero temperatures for more than three hours to watch the Packers entertain

Denver Broncos in a game many predicted was a preview of next month's Super Bowl. Led by one of the best quarterbacks in the league, Brett Favre, and the fearsome defensive end, Reggie White, the Packers have already qualified for the end of season

But they are no passing fad. Support for them pervades the community in a way that puts even the passion of, say, Newcastle

Oliver Holt discovers small town supporters in Green Bay

dreaming of being big cheeses in American football again

United supporters in the shade. Everywhere in Green Bay, men and women, young and old, traditional and trendy, wear the Packers' green and yellow shirts. sweatshirts, anoraks and leather jackets. Manchester United have got nothing on this kind of market enetration.

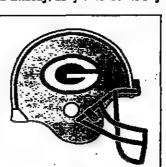
There are other signs, too. At one of the only two cinemas in the downtown area, they are showing A Time To Kill on one screen and old Packers games on the other. And outside the Holiday Inn. the best hotel in town, three flags flutter: the Stars and Stripes, the Winsconsin State emblem and the Packers insignia.

Part of it, perhaps, is that the

Packers are the town's only source of pride, the only thing that puts a timber-trading town dominated by paper mills, its packing company and its port on the map; the only thing that draws attention to it. It goes without saying that there are no other professional sports franchises here. The next best thing

after the Packers are minor league ice hockey games between Green Bay Gamblers and teams such as Fargo Ice Sharks.

But there is more to it than that. Somehow, the Packers have come . to embody, not just to Green Bay



TOMORROW -

Oliver Holt thaws out after joining the dichards on Bay's latest game

people but to Americans in general, a living ideal of the way sport used to be in this country. They are an anachronism in

American sport, á small-town club that has survived alongside giant concerns such as the Cowboys. They are the only professional sports team in the country that is publicly owned, run by the Packer Corporation which compromises about 200 shareholders, many from the surrounding area.

These things have guaranteed

them their status as America's favourite underdog, the team for-ever trying, against the odds, to recapture the glorious days of 30 years ago, the days of the Ice Bowl here at Lambeau Field, when the Packers beat the Cowboys in the coldest game in National Football League history, the days when they and their legend-ary coach, Vince Lombardi, left their imprint on the nation forever by winning the first two Super

Those days, of course, coincided

with the television explosion and the first glimpse many Americans had of professional football was of men fighting against the elements as well as their opponents. The first words from the coach they heard were not cliches, but the rousing moral exhortations of

"Unless a man believes in himself," Lombardi said, "and makes a total commitment to his career and puts everything he has into it, his mind, his

body and his heart, what is his life After he died, they named the Super Bowl trophy after him for speeches

Since Lombardi left in 1969, the Packers have never had another realistic shot at winning the Super Bowl, but this year it might be their time. Last week television news crews descended en masse on Green Bay, all wanting to explore the Packer phenomenon.

They were told little snippets about the peculiarities of life in the frozen north, where parts of the Bay are already thick with ice. There are so few African-Ameri-

Mike Holmgren said, that a barber is hired to come up from Milwaukee once a week to cut the hair of the black players who make up about half the team.

Twice a week, "soul food" like yams, fried chicken, chitlins and greens is flown in to make the players feel more at home, A Director of Family Programs has also been appointed to try to make it easier for new players to settle in. although one can-

not help feeling it is

so isolated here. It

is the type of place

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Emerson's wife em-

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'America's favourite underdog'

brough with open The players, almost to a man, say they love it here, that the local people have showed them nothing but kindness and affection, that the lack of distractions has brought them all closer together and kept them out of trouble. "If people need a larger place, a New York City type of place," Holmgren said, "then Green Bay is not for them." Maybe not, but it

is still a cheese head's idea of

CYCLING

Ball pursues initial steps to distinction

By Peter Bryan

THEY share the same initials and Chris Ball is hoping that, one day, he will emulate Chris Boardman, Britain's pursuit world champion and recordholder. Like his idol. Ball made a speedy start to his racing career as a junior. He set a British record for 25 miles in 1992 and also won the national track pursuit championship that year.

He has already been dubbed "CB2" but maintains that if he can win the British pursuit title, then target the 2000 Olympic Games in Syd-

ney, he will be happy. This year, after not competing for most of 1995 because of a torn Achilles tendon. Ball has been able again to show the promise of his potential. He was in the winning Harlow Velodrome squad that took the national team pursuit title and on Saturday, reperesenting London, he had an outstanding pursuit victory in the Key 103 Euroleague in Manchester.

Five riders started 50 metres apart on the 250-metre track and Ball and Ronny Lauke, of Dortmund, made short work of catching their Amsterdam. Manchester and Cardiff opponents. In the last circuit of the 12-lap race, Ball closed to

within 15 metres of the German to win with a fast time of 3min 27.737sec. "I was easing the pace because there were other events for me later on the programme," he said.

Ball's victory gave London third place overall in the competition but Dortmund. with 36 points, and Amsterdam, on 30, were convincingly superior squads.

The availability of Britain's first permanent indoor track has taught the 22-year-old Ball a lot. To compete regularly throughout a 12-month season, he will need what he calls "recovery breaks" which he plans after the national chamnonsnips next year and other leading events, including the first five Premier Calendar

Roger Hammond added the South of England cyclo-cross championship at Dover yesterday to the London Open title he won last week, dominating the ten-mile race from the start. He finished lmin 55sec ahead of Andrew Taylor. with Brian Curtis a further 30

seconds behind. Matthew Guy retained his Midlands title over 14 miles at and Steve Knight, champion on six previous occasions.

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Seeing is believing for Gladishiva at Vail and she duly celebrates her unexpected super giant slalom victory. Photograph: Ed Andrieski

Gladishiva again favoured by late start

IN THE most surprising event of the still-young World Cup season, Svetlana Gladishiva, of Russia, raced from far back in the pack at Vail, Colorado, on Saturday afternoon to win a women's super giant slalom and claim the first victory in her ten-year career. Starting 32nd, Gladishiva, 25, from Livov, recorded Imin 17.76sec to snatch victory from Pernilla Wiberg, from Sweden, who already had accepted congratulations for what seemed like being her second victory of the winter in the discipline.

Wiberg settled for second place in Imin 17.97sec, while Carole Montillet, of France, another late starter at 29th, claimed third in Imin 18.11sec. Katja

Seizinger, of Germany, the overall World Cup leader, finished ninth, her worst result of the season, but leads Wiberg in the overall standings, 414pts

"I can't believe I won," a beaming Gladishiva said at the finish, a moment after letting out a wild scream when she saw the scoreboard. Later and calmer - she said: "Not bad,

After some 27 inches of fresh snow fell over the previous two days, the top racers scrambled to select advantageous starting positions. Gladishiva, though, who had little choice in when she would race, may have been helped by her late start, for the sun had left the course, making it colder and

Although she had never finished higher than thirteenth in a World Cup super giant slaom, she had a precedent of late-start success in the event. At the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, in 1994, she took the silver medal after

starting 35th. Gladishiva surprised nobody more than herself. "I didn't expect even to do well and I never had the feeling I was skiing so fast," she said of her run on a course that favoured downhill specialists

Even after her apparent victory had disappeared, Wiberg was happy with her result and her strongest start in eight World Cup seasons. In super-G, nothing is finished and the tradition of Vail is that the course holds, even improves," she said. "My goal is to win

the slalom championship. Anything after that is extra." Like Gladishiva, Montillet was ecstatic with her result. "I expected nothing like this," she said.

The super giant sialom was the second stage of a unique double race day necessitated when a snowstorm pushed the downhill, scheduled for Friday, back a day. Renate Goetschl, of Austria, won the downhill event in the morning. Similarly, the World Cup season's opening men's super giant slalom was cancelled yesterday because of a heavy overnight snowfall and poor visibility at Whistler Mountain, British Columbia. The downhill . was cancelled there on Saturday.

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IN BRIEF **Hendry's** path is blocked by

Morgan STEPHEN HENDRY will attempt to apply the finishing touches to another highly successful year at the German Open, which gets underway at the British Army base in Osnabruck this afternoon (Phil Yates writes).

As usual Hendry is the antepost favourite to pocket the £40,000 first prize. In the last 16 Hendry, who also holds an impregnable lead at the head of the provisional world rankings, faces Darren Morgan, an opponent to whom he has lost only once in 13 meetings.

Stojko's title

Ice Hockey: Elvis Stojko, the former world champion, of ce in the iree skaun to win the men's singles title for a second year running at the NHK Trophy figure skating competition in Kadoma. Japan yesterday. Stojko turned in a near-perfect performance in the free pro-

Eagles swoop

Rugby League: Sheffield Ea-gles have signed Steve Edmed, the Australian prop. from North Queensland Cowboys. He spent nine years with Balmain before joining the Cowboys for the 1996 season. was player of the year at the Townsville club and the players' choice as player of the

Darragh happy

Equestrianism: Darragh, of Ireland, took a big step towards the Volvo World Cup final next year when he won the European League qualifier in Seville. Riding Cera I, he clinched the eighth of 15 qualifiers with the fastest of three clear rounds.

Record win

Rugby union: British Steel (Port Talbot) set a Welsh league points scoring record as they beat Ogmore Vale 131-5. They scored 21 tries in their Division 8A Central match - seven of them from Jason Lowndes, the centre.

HOCKEY: PREMIER DIVISION LEADERS SUFFER SETBACKS AS FEMALE COUNTERPARTS AGREE TO JOIN FORCES

Cannock draw small comfort Women vote to join with men

By Sydney Friskin

CANNOCK, Southgate and Old Loughtonians, the top three teams in the premier division, all suffered setbacks as the National League officially went into its winter recess yesterday. Cannock, however, regained the leadership, despite a 2-2 draw with Guildford.

Southgate lost 2-1 away to Teddington, who profited from an increased work rate in the second half. The Southgate defence had earlier lost Duthie, who suffered a shoulder injury in a collision and

was taken to hospital.
Gibbons, a former
Teddington player, had given
Southgate the lead in the
twelfth minute. Nicklin equalised from a short corner four minutes later, with the winning goal from Conway coming eight minutes from time. A coal by Edwards from a

short corner, saved the day for Cannock in their away match against Guildford. Jennings converted a short corner in the seventh minute to put Guildford in front, but the advantage was cancelled out victory against Old three minutes later when

Results and tables 39 stroke. A well-taken goal by Garrard in the twelfth minute restored the lead for

Crutchley converted a penalty

Guildford, who then had a goal by Jennings from a short corner disallowed because the ball had not been stopped before the final shot was taken. Southgate will have a

Cannock will look for victory when they entertain Guildford the next day. Both are rearranged matches brought about by postponements. Reading enjoyed a 3-2 away

Loughtonians in a hard fought match. Ashdown converted a short corner in the 22nd minute to put Reading in front, but Dover equalised in similar fashion four minutes later. Two quick goals --Pearn from open play, and Slay from a short corner gave Reading a firm grip on the match. A confrontation between Morrison, of Old Loughtonians, and Ashdown led to both players being temporarily suspended, before Thompson reduced Reading's lead in the 57th minute. The

MONICA PICKERSGILL, president of the All-England Women's Hockey Association, admitted to a huge sense of relief after revealing that the AEWHA had followed their male counterparts in voting to

dissolve the association and

form a single governing body. After the 84 per cent vote in favour by the men's Hockey Association on Wednesday, the AEWHA gained a 93.5 per cent mandate in their postal vote to ensure that the sport will move into the next century as the English Hockey Association. The existing bodies will dissolve on May 31 next year and the new association will be formed on June 1 1997, and be based at the new national

stadium in Milton Keynes. Pickersgill admitted that she was disappointed, but not surprised, that only 21 per cent of the membership had exer-

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

cised their voting rights on such a crucial issue, adding: "I still believe that the majority of women were very, very positive about what is at stake and, of course, some were a little sad about dissolving our

"I'm delighted that we made such a clear decision and feel excited that we can now move ahead and carry the game forward for the benefit of all those involved in English

The chief executive of the Hockey Association. Stephen Baines, said that forming one body would not only satisfy the International Hockey Federation's wish that countries either unite or have an umbrella union by the year 2000. but that the move also opened up the promise of extra funding from the Sports Council and the National Lottery.

He said: "We'll be able to improve in numerous areas. but hopefully will also be able to expand the commercial department and begin signing up sponsors. We have the best facilities in the world from our national stadium right down to all the artificial surfaces at the clubs. The game couldn't be better placed for the future."

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JUDO

Britain set to invest in new crop of talent

BY JOHN GOODBODY

BRITISH judo woke from its Olympic nightmare on Saturday. A new generation of talented young fighters began the arduous struggle towards the 2000 Games when they competed in the national

championships in Bath.
The lessons of Atlanta have yet to be digested. An inquiry into why, after six consistently successful Olympics, Britain failed to win a judo medal this summer will be published later this month.

Colin McIver, the Scottish national coach, who chaired the investigation, said yesterday: "It will advocate radical changes. The system has not worked. However, it is impor-tant that rash decisions should not he made and it may take a few months for a proper system to be introduced."

Time is important. The Sports Council want to see proper planning for Lottery funding for individual competitors become available in March. There is little doubt that judo, and a large number of other Olympic sports, are going to benefit enormously from a properly-funded struc-

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Young fighters, such as Winston Gordon, will be among the beneficiaries. Only 20, he climaxed an outstanding year, which has included a European junior bronze medal, by winning the middleweights on Saturday with the dramatic leg throw that slammed Kevin Lynch on his

Gordon took the title in the absence of Ryan Birch, the former European champion, who, like most of the Olympic team, preferred to miss the

Most of those that did compete understandably were jaded. Julian Davies, a featherweight, who came second in the European championships, lost to Simon Moss, who looked a solid prospect.

The only member of the Atlanta team to win a title was the 32-year-old Joyce Heron. the Scottish bantamweight, who will provide proven ability for a new generation to bit their skills against.

e anv vous ger but I still enjoy compet-ing," Heron said. "However, I know fighting internationally is a different kettle of fish. I'll just take it as it comes."

Nevertheless, she was not the oldest competitor on Saturday. That was light heavy-weight Terry Watt, who will be 50 this month. He exercises rix times a week and battled through to seventh place.

He competed in the European championships in 1969. In 1972, he represented treland in the Olympics and won a bronze medal in the world universities championships. His continuing dedication was an example to everyone. As the Japanese, Hagakure Bushido. wrote: "There is no end to training. Once you begin to feel you are a master, you are no longer on the way you are

Ayr pay dearly for early injury as Nottingham win ice hockey cup



Cupolo is denied by a desperate block from Robins, the Nottingham goaltender, as another Ayr attack crashes on the Sheffield ice. Photograph: Victoria Matthers

Panthers play role of party animals **Christopher Irvine** discovers supporters Nottingham are struggling Benson and Hedges title in three years, thumped down a

taking centre stage in a musical revival

Mexican Wave is old hat. Crowd participation in ice hockey is now a choreographed art form, sometimes more entertaining than the organised maybem the spectators turn up to watch, and when Notting-ham Panthers and Ayr Scottish Eagles met on Saturday night, they went head to head with James Brown, Little Richard, Gary Glitter and The Beatles. Nottingham prevailed in the Benson and Hedges Cup final, but not until their supporters at the Sheffield Arena had hip-hopped and hippy-hippy-shaked themselves to a frenzy in their 5-3 victory.

Army has attached itself to ice hockey, a growing audience the turnstiles clicked two million times last season — of whom 60 per cent are under the age of 30 and 40 per cent are female, one that devours fast food and faster entertainment. Every stoppage in play is the cue to get up and do the Macarena — to name but one dance — and when the footstomping stops and the action

restarts, the risk is of anti-

Some among the 8,560 at Sheffield did go over the top, of course. They were asked to refrain from thing party pop-pers onto the ice. Yet anyone catching the puck could keep it as a souvenir, as if sticking your hand out to stop a frozen piece of vulcanised rubber travelling at 100 miles an hour is a

Unlike North America, it is sweat on the ice rather than blood that people want to see, even if Britain's game has not been spared the sport's darker side. In that respect, its ad-ministrators need to get to grips with its miscreants. For example, Ryan Kummu, Ayr's Canadian defencemen, was released by the Superleague to play in the final mid-way through a six-game league ban for attacking Hilton of Manchester Storm, but it was an astonishing, misguided decision and removed the option of making any immediate, enforceable disciplinary measures had the

terms, a clean contest. game is speeding up, so perhaps the time to knock lumps from one another is diminishing as standards in a slimmed-down, eight-team Superleague increase. Improvements and the breaking down of all barriers to foreign threequarters of those plying kids on the rink.

wise fellow, was on his best behaviour and a total of three their trade in the Superleague, are no coincidence. two-minute sin-binnings in an

hour of high-speed collision represents, in ice hockey As if it were possible, the

Nevertheless, the Depart-

ment of Employment might not be so liberal with work permits in future, so the Superleague had better make the most of its mainly Canadian exiles. Curiously, the first final in the Superleague era featured none of the wellheeled clubs from Sheffield, Cardiff or Manchester, Nottingham have done more than any team to bring in local

timidate the Panthers' bench, but Jiri Lala's final score for Ayr was merely a gesture as

in the Superleague, but when the imposing Derek Laxdal

bore down on the unfortunate

Sven Rampf, in the Ayr goal,

the game was up after just 29

seconds. Two more goals slipped beneath Rampf in a

disastrous first period before

he succumbed to a groin

strain. Colum Cavilla's net-

minding improved matters,

notwithstanding the, illegal,

side-footed fourth Notting-

ham goal by Greg Hadden.

Kilted supporters tried to in-

time expired.

SAILING: OLYMPIC GAMES SILVER MEDAL-WINNER WITH THE WORLD AT HIS FEET OUTLINES HIS NEXT OBJECTIVES

Lynch may rue selection mistakes

By NORMAN DE MESOUITA

AN ICE bockey coach probably makes more decisions in the course of one evening than the average cricket cap-tain has to make in a month. The most crucial, as in cricket, often concerns who should be playing and Jim Lynch, of the Ayr Scottish Eagles, had such a choice to make before the Benson and Hedges Cup final in Sheffield on Satur-

day. He got it wrong.

His No I goaltender, Sven
Rampf, had been in wonderful form, but had a niggling groin problem. Having to change direction quickly in the first minute of the game, he tweaked the injury and Nottingham Panthers had the lead after only 29 seconds. A crazy deflection gave the Panthers a second goal in the twelfth minute, but although the Eagles pulled one back, it was 3-1 to Nottingham with only a quarter of the same gone and, two minutes from the end of the first period, the television viewer that Greg Hadden kicked the puck into the net. Rampf, having been beaten

had faced, bowed to the inevitable His replacement, Column Cavilla, could not have played much better and was named the Ayr man of the

by three of only ten shots he

match at the end of the evening, but not before he had conceded two goals. The first of these proved how high the odds were stacked against Ayr. Even without the advantage of video replay, used in the National Hockey League in North America but not in this country, it was clear to

Lynch might also regret playing Alan Schuler, who had not appeared since breaking his jaw in the semi-final six weeks ago. Schuler seemed to have problems with the pace of the game and

it was his mistake that led to the third Nottingham goal, just when the Eagles seemed to be coming back into the game towards the end of the first period.

Jiri Lala did give Ayr some hope when he made the score 5-3 with more than 12 minutes remaining, but they could not find a way through the wellorganised Nottingham defence again.

Thus Mike Blaisdell, the Nottingham coach, showed how good he is at preparing his team for an Important one-off occasion. Now he is hoping to repeat such form in

BASKETBALL

Salary cap suspicions give Bears sore heads

By Nicholas Harling

THE expertise shown by rival Budweiser League clubs in keeping within the salary cap has long mystified Colin Smith, the Worthing Bears director, who would rather lose good players than bend the rules by exceeding the £135,000 limit per team.

It was after his struggling Bears had succumbed 96-78 at home to the Leopards on Saturday that Smith spoke out. Like most of the previous nine teams to have defeated them in the league this season, the Leopards employed five Americans, but whatever the temptations to match their success - the Leopards are now joint second — Smith will not bend the rules.

Some clubs have the ability to work within the salary cap very well," he said. "It's remarkable how they get value for money, but if they could only explain to the Chancellor how they do it, the Government could benefit."

The departures during the summer of Colin Irish, the Bears' player-coach, and Alan Cunningham left Irish's suc-cessor, Cleave Lewis, fighting a losing battle, which was not helped by fortunes conspiring against two of the newcomers Ernesio Moreno, the sureshooting Spaniard, could not settle, and Shawn Graham, the American, arrived with chronic knee trouble. The recent departures of both men have left Worthing with a vacany that they would love to fill with Spencer Dunkley. The England international, who has fallen out with his French club, Limoges, would not come cheap, even if it was only for the rest of the season. "You know us," Smith said. "We won't spend money we haven't

Worthing have not been helped over the past two games by the absence of Neil McElduff, their coach, whose wife has just had a baby girl. "We expected him back to-night," Smith said. "We even had a bouquet ready for his

Lacking direction in Mc-Elduff's absence, the Bears nevertheless possessed the me's lop-scorer in Jame Hamilton, whose attempt to add to his 25 points ended in huge embarrassment. Going for a dunk on the final buzzer. the American made an undignified hash of his shot. Lewis collected five three-pointers among his 20 points, but with all ten Leopards on the scoresheet, headed by the 22-point marksman, John White, the visitors finished with plenty in

in the 7-Up Trophy, Chester Jets made certain of their place in the quarter-finals by winning 104-100 away to Leicester Riders, whose coach, Bob Donewald, was ejected for the second time this season after incurring two technical offences for protests. Chester's scorers were led by Hilary Scott, with 24 points.

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NETBALL

England seeking boost from youth

By Louise Taylor

SPORTING grazed knees and the Under-21s: Chantal Mortiponytails, English schoolgirls have played netball since the First World War and, superficially at least, the game today

seems reassuringly similar.
In reality, though, the sport is adjusting to the demands of the 1990s and confronting a number of issues in the process. There is sexual equality, with males increasingly play-ing, particularly in primary schools. Then there is violence, with a proposal to introduce football-style red and yellow cards. There is even amateurism, with the England netball team theoretically eligible for National Lottery-funded subsistence grants of up to £28,000, which would enable the players to turn profession-

Perhaps more significantly, the wind of change is also gusting through the England squad as Liz Broomhead, the national coach, aims to improve the team's world ranking - the squad appears to have been stuck in fourth

place for ever. Moving forward, however, sometimes entails a step back and this is how the recent 3-0 Test series defeat to a touring Jamaica side is being seen at Netball House, the game's cantered to a 78-37 victory Hertfordshire base. That se against Nottinghamshire. ries saw the senior debuts of five players promoted from

mer, a student at Cambridge University, as goalkeeper: Amanda Newton, a London sports shop assistant, at goal defence: Tracey Neville, the sister of Gary and Philip, the Manchester United footballers and a trainee primary school teacher, at goal attack; Lisa Stanley, a Sainsbury's checkout girl in Sunderland, at goal shooter; and Helen Lonsdale, a student at Salford

University, at wing attack. That quartet not only reflect the cross-section of women that play netball, they were also all part of the England youth side that won bronze at the world youth championships in Toronto last summer.

Their progression through the ranks has been fostered by Fiona Murtagh, the new England captain, who has replaced Kendra Slawinski. The latter may have retired, but she is now coaching the next generation of international nerballers.

Several such protégées were in action during the monthly Inter-Counties League fixtures on Saturday. The season is still young but England's leading county, Essex, are already favourites for the title and

Ainslie decides to stay with Laser French pair added

Edward Gorman on a yachtsman who is

FOUR months ago Ben Ainslie gave the profile of yacht racing in this country an immeasurable boost. At 19 he was the youngest ever member of a Great Britain sailing team. He went on to become the youngest ever medal-winner, capturing a silver after a thrilling dog-fight with the world No I in the Laser class, Robert Scheidt, of

Ainslie single-handedly put the sport on the front pages and made the biggest impact in the television coverage of sailing at the Games, introducing yacht racing to many who have never followed it before, among them many young girls and boys determined to follow in his wake.

Alongside him at the medal ceremony in Savannah were Britain's other success story at the Olympic regatta, John Merricks and Ian Walker, who won silver in the 470s, but it was clear even then that Ainslie's precocious talent had made him the feature of the Games for British

vachting. Since coming back Ainslie has been given various achievement awards and has been in demand on the children's television circuit. He has been offered book contracts, and his name has been mentioned - with or without his permission - by all sorts of people in yachting who want the shine of his medal on their latest project.

Britain's fastest young

engagingly modest about his success yachtsman has, however, got Portugal and then win the championships

his feet firmly on the ground. down the opportunity to join the crew of Merricks's Mumm 36 in the British Admiral's Cup team. He has turned down the chance to helm a Melges 24 on the European circuit, as well as numerous other sailing

Instead he is staying with his Laser, where his focus and ambition is as ferociously intense as at any time in the past 12 months. His first objective is to retain his European title next year in

Chile next October. That will mean another showdown with Scheidt, who has won the title twice already and is hunting a third. "It would be nice to beat him - I haven't beaten him before - it would he nice to sort that out." he In the long run Ainslie's goal is gold in Lasers at the Sydney Games in 2000,

prize: \$10,000. which was his original plan last year, until he found himself going for Savannah after winning the national trials. Meanwhile he is back



Ainslie chewing over the offer of book contracts

at college in Winchester doing a couple of A-Levels and he drives there from his parents' rented home in Lymington every day in a car given to him for a year by Audi.

He has also been doing the odd bit of sailing to keep his hand in. In two world championship qualifiers at Torquay and Hayling Island he won nine of the ten races he sailed. Then he went to Kuwait. where he won an invitational regatta with opposition including Peer Moberg, of Norway, and Hamish Pepper, of New Zealand, Ainslie's numbers were 4, 9, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1. His

Ainslie is still a shy young man, but he is more confident than 12 months ago and he can cope with the pressure of being the great hope of British yachting "Comments like that I just try not to take in." he said. "I know what I want to do and I know I have the ability to do it and that's all that matters."

Of his choices when the world is at his feet, he said: "It'd be easy to do the Admiral's Cup and Melges sailing and end up in a mess at the end. Maybe I would if I was 32 or something and running out of time. The Europeans and worlds are good realistic goals and going for Sydney will be the best thing for my sailing in the long term. It's quite hard to push the other opportunities away but it's the right thing to do or I'd end up doing a lot of things badly."

to list of casualties

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

TO FINISH first, first you have to finish: in no other yacht race is that more true than the Vendée Globe singlehanded non-stop round-theworld race. The weekend saw two more competitors fall by the wayside in the Roaring Forties, reducing the field, originally 15-strong, to ten.

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before answering questions. Mike Blaisdell, their coach,

was not going to remind them

about their match the next

night. "We got a good game out of guys who had a slump

lately," he said. "We were able

to add depth to our line-up

and we showed we're a differ-

ent team to the one we've been

The Ayr story is that of ice

hockey in a nutshell, from

bust to boom. It is not so long

ago that rusting padlocks

were removed from the Ayr

Centrum. In three months, the

of more than 2,000 - bigger

than Ayr United at the top of

the Bell's Scottish League

second division. Nonetheless,

only false dawns outnumber

the relaunches of ice hockey in

Britain, the glam-rock rein-camation being just the latest,

although the outward signs

are healthy.
In the tradition of sports

dreamt up by Britons — a

claim Canada, naturally, dis-

putes — this country has been

skating on thin ice since an

Olympic Games gold medal in 1936. Yet Great Britain are

two wins away from the final

qualifying stages of a first

Olympic appearance since 1948. No other national team

could rely on such fervent

support, provided the music is

right Late on Saturday, Ayr

supporters could still muster a

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the last few weeks."

The leading skipper, Christophe Auguin, of France, on Geodis, is 500 miles ahead of his nearest pursuer, but still has 15,000 miles to go to the finish. The latest casualties were his compatriots, Yves Parlier, on Aquitaine Innovations, and Thierry Dubois, the youngest skipper in the race, on Pour Amnesty International.

Dubois was the first to report his retirement, when lying in eleventh position on Friday night, after he hit something drifting past the boat that broke his starboard

rudder just below the hull. "I am giving up. I haven't got the strength to do a third start," a dejected Dubois, who was 2,700 miles behind Auguin, said. He was on his second start after a similar collision in the Bay of Biscay had forced him to return to Les Sables D'Olonne shortly after

the fleet set off on November 3. Parlier had led the race on the way south through the Canaries until his forestay

broke. He managed to rig a replacement, and was holding third position — about 700 miles adrift of Auguin in the Indian Ocean - when he hit a growler, a small piece of ice that had broken away from an iceberg, and snapped his port

"I can't repair this on my own," he reported from a position about 850 miles southeast of Cape Town. He is now sailing to Albany, Australia, for repairs.

Parlier joins fellow French skippers Isabelle Autissier, who broke a rudder last week but has restarted from Cape Town, and Didier Mundutiguy, and the Hungarian, Nandor Fa, in being put out of the race.

Those still at sea include the two Britans, Pete Goss, on Aqua Quorum, who is seventh, and Tony Bullimore, on Exide Challenger, who is

Mike Golding, on Group 4, is the new leader of the BT Global Challenge as the yachis continue westwards through the Southern Ocean, where conditions have moderated and brought welcome glimpses of the sun. Andy Hindley, on Save The Children, who led round Cape Horn, is second, with Merfyn Owen's Global Teamwork

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Harlequins unable to stem Bath flood

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THE passengers on the SS Poseidon would have sympathised with Harlequins' plight on Saturday. They were sailing happily along and in fine fettle when something came over the horizon and swamped them.

By PETER BILLS

In the film it was a tidal wave. At the Recreation Ground on Saturday, Bath hit them in the second half with so ferocious a surge of energy and adrenalin that Harlequins were submerged. It might have contained an element of ghoulishness to sit and watch a rugby team floundering but. as a spectacle, it was compelling.

The origins of this extraordinary Bath performance lay in the period half-time allowed them to catch their breath after Harlequins had established a 17-3 lead. Such was the Londoners' ascendancy in pursuit of their first league win over Bath, it should have been even more emphatic. Bath changed the course of a wonderful game — quite probably the entire Courage Clubs Championship this season and possibly the make-up of the England international side — in

the few moments allotted for reflection. John Hall, the director of rugby and Philip de Gianville, the captain, found words that were to prove so motivational that Bath should package and sell them to businessmen as a proven formula, "The season is over for you that's the reality," Bath's outplayed men were told. "If this match is lost



Lyle, the Bath forward, leaps high to gain lineout possession

there is no way we can retain the title. Our title. You have only one choice save your season by getting a grip on yourselves individually, cut out the mistakes you are making and focus on what you do best and the type of rugby

you know you can play.
"Take a long hard look at yourselves. Do it for each other. Can you look your colleagues in the eye and say you have really given your best? Or can you do more? We think you can." The result of this one-way conversation out on a field with 8,000 people watching, some from a city bridge and others from windows of flats above the ground, was phenomenal. It would be too trite to say Harlequins fell away, unable to sustain the pace of the forward driving game they played so splendidly in the first half. The fact is they continued to battle mightily to stem the attacks Bath rained down upon them. But they failed. To lose a first half 17-3 to the league leaders but win the second 32-3 is testimony to Bath's enduring legend.

. Méndez and Lyle were the two principles who turned the contest around upfront with their forceful driving play. Lyle, an American, is no long-term solution to their lineout weakness but as a No 6 he could have almost as big an impact on English rugby as Mendez surely will.

Behind them, Guscott was the elegant rapier who teased and tor-

mented the tiring Harlequins. Speed of thought and foot put him in position for his first try immediately after halftime, which launched Bath's comeback, and he added another at the end. This morning England announce their side to meet Argentina on Saturday and Guscott's craft, cutting edge and pace in midfield cannot be ignored any longer. England might also reflect on Callard's continuing value to any team with his reliable goalkicking.

Harlequins were outstanding before half-time, Challinor's try after a 75yard movement begun by Harries, being supreme. As Hall said: I was relieved we turned around only 17-3 down." When Bath were on fire after half-time they put points on the board even more efficiently.

☐ Jim Staples, the Ireland full back, could miss the five nations' championship after suffering a fractured jaw in a clash of heads with Adedayo Adebayo at the Recreation Ground. He faces a minimum three-month lay-off. Adebayo left the field as a result of their 75th-minute collision, although he should be fit for the international match next Saturday against Argenti-

RUGBY UNION: FORWARD THINKING STIFLES NORTHAMPTON'S RUNNING GAME

Townsend halted by Leicester's pack drill

Northampton9 BY CHRISTOPHER LICVING

IN A battle between two rugby philosophies, Leicester's forward might triumphed once again yesterday. The life was squeezed out of Northampton in a draining encounter in which their brave attempts to run foundered on the rocks of the indomitable home pack.

For those who value substance above style, it was a cheering afternoon. When Northampton backs were broken, a try by Stuart Potter in the second minute of injury time put an unmerited gloss on Leicester's victory and maintenance of their unbeaten home record in the Courage Clubs Championship, which keeps them nicely placed in the trio of clubs trailing Wasps by two points.

Northampton's third defeat has probably caused irrevoca-ble damage to their championship aspirations. Like others who have come to Welford Road determined to out-muscle and outrun Leicester, the best-laid plans came to nothing. In the mercurial Gregor Townsend they had comfortably the most exciting player on the pitch, but no amount of subtle touches by the Scotland captain could combat the momentum of Leicester's yeo-

Of Townsend. Bob Dwyer, the Leicester director of rugby. said: "He gives you a heart attack every time he gets the ball." The same cannot be said of his own team. whose performance Dwyer described as rusty in parts. Leicester's abiding quality is their resolute

Reports continue to link Joel Stransky with Leicester. The find life there different. At stand-off half, Rob Liley is not a creator and when Townsend caught him high, John, his older brother, stepped into the place-kicking breach with three successful attempts from

In spite of the mist and cold. only the fourth Sunday fixture at the ground attracted 11,839, Leicester's biggest attendance this season. The novelty caught some out. The start for latecomers.

Leicester crowds are unlike others. To them, a roiling maul is the sweetest thing, a pushover try positively exqui-site. Under Dwyer, the former disciple of running rugby, little has changed. His Australian sides were built on slick hands. On the few occasions emerged from the forwards its appearance was greeted with as much surprise as a shoot-

ing star. Behind Healey, at scrum half, and his dominant eight, not much stirred. Townsend, playing where he should be at stand-off, was all cultured poise in midfield. Bell, too. had an incisive game, cutting through at angles and causing problems. All too often. though, possession went to ground, or attackers met a wall of tacklers. In defence, in particular, Neil Back had a splendid game on his league return from suspension.

It was a confident move that set up Townsend up for opening score, a dropped goal. When Dean Richards raced 20 metres from a scrum, Dwyer said that a cattle prod must have been used to prompt the old warhorse. Richards strained his groin in the process, but his move led to Rob Liley's penalty goal.



Richards, left, collides with Rodber, the Northampton No 8, yesterday

Although Northampton nicked two scrums against the head, their deliberate collapsing of the scrum and various front-row shenanigans underlined their fear of Leicester's forward game. Their worst fears were realised in the 23rd minute when Back emerged from the bottom of a maul for a try. It set the tone and Northampton were always in

vain pursuit. Grayson and the older Liley exchanged penalties before the break. After another deliberate collapse, Liley slotted another to extend the lead to

16-6 on the hour. The second half was notable, too, for the sand-bagging punches exchanged between Healey and Clarke, all witnessed from the touchline by David Matthews, except the touch judge chose to turn a blind eye. When eventually spotted, the two were ordered to shake hands.

It is Northampton's fate not to win at Leicester. They have managed it only once in 21 meetings. Grayson's second penalty put them a converted try away from levelling the scores but, as hard as they chased, Northampton could

not keep their hands on the ball. By the finish Leicester were camped on their line and, from a third scrum, their ranks opened for Potter to crash through.

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Sale deny Saracens chance to celebrate new arrival

RUOBY CORRESPONDENT

THIS was not quite the style with which Saracens hoped to celebrate signing François Pienaar last week. The gloom of a dark, dank afternoon was alleviated for the North London club yesterday only by the salvaging of a Courage Clubs Championship point that keeps both them and Sale on the fringe of the group chasing a top-three place in the first division.

Sale, whose home defeat of Harlequins at the end of October confirmed their ambitions, will regret the loss of a 17-6 interval lead, but no more than the complete absence of continuity that is a characteristic of their game. For that, John Mitchell, their coach, was inclined to blame the match official, a concern that was shared by Saracens.

Tappe Henning, from South Africa, will handle England's international with Argentina this Saturday and by then, perhaps, he will have relaxed the rigid stance he brought to Enfield. His firsthalf concerns with the set scrums may have been justified, but neither side was allowed to develop play at ruck or maul and, conse braved the misty afternoon were treated to a stop-start display of which neither club will be proud.

Mitchell's frustration as he patrolled the touchline was obvious, although it extended to his own team, who lost their way in the second half. Their possession dwindled, the absence of John Fowler and Charlie Vyvyan — both injured during the abortive Counties of Origin series — began to tell and the bright start that earned it points in as many minutes became a distant memory. Even so, had Mannix been more consistent with his goal-kicking, Sale could have been out of sight by the interval.

Mannix kicked four penalties, but missed two more, as well as a dropped-goal attempt and the conversion of McCarmey's try after the big lock was driven over from a lineout won by his partner, Baldwin. Yet Mannix com pensated by organising his midfield well, while Lynagh his opposite number, suffered by comparison. The Australian was unwell last week and his game and goal-kicking were distinctly off-colour.

His two successful goals served to keep Saracens in touch until they could con-struct some kind of game from the amorphous mess into which play descended. They started to drive down the middle and the penalty count in their favour rose From one such award, five metres from the Sale line, Bracken took the tap and Olver was driven over.

Lynagh's fourth penalty levelled matters, then Mannix missed his chance when well within dropped-goal range: However, deep into injury-time, Lynagh missed a 38metre penalty and neither side could claim to have been mbbed. SCORERS: Se

King shows his composure

BY BRYAN STILES

IF ENGLAND needed to know whether Alex King, their reserve stand-off half, can kick goals under pressure, his match-winning penalty goal in injury time for Wasps on Saturday should dispel any doubts. He displayed nerves of steel for what was his first goal kick of the match.

With the referee having already added almost five minutes for injuries, with Wasps trailing by one point and striving for a victory that would take them to the top of the Courage Clubs Championship table, the pressure could not have been tighter. He knew he could not afford to miss - and sent the ball straight between the posts.

With Jon Ufton, the usually reliable regular kicker, having missed five out of six kicks at goal, King stepped up in response to a pre-match plan. A bemused King said later: "It was a bit dreamy really because I often think about kicking an important goal in the last minute. Jon [Ufton] had a bit of a shocker and I knew that last one would be up to me. Just before I kicked Inga [Tuigamala] said 'good luck' and the next thing the lads were jumping all over

It was a score that brought Wasps the two league points that enabled them to leapfrog Harlequins, who lost to Bath at the Recreation Ground. The goal also produced an en-thralling climax to a wonderful. free-flowing match that neither side deserved to lose and that must have left lowly Bristol cursing the rugby gods. They were almost completely dominant in the second half and deserved at least two more tries.

Wasps would have been happier if the match had been played yesterday to avoid clashing with televised rugby. They claim they would have trebled their 2,500 gate. Bristol declined to switch as they had

Wasps began the match as if they were going to put strug-gling Bristol firmly in their place, moving the ball quickly around the field and exploit-

They were 12-0 ahead in 20 minutes as sustained pressure by forwards and backs punctured the Bristol defence and let in King and White for tries, the first of which Ufton converted. Burke replied with a penalty goal and Hull went over in the corner to make it 12-8 at the interval. Bristol's pack took the game to Wasps and Corkery dived over from a lineout to give them a onepoint lead. It looked enough to secure victory until King produced his match-winner.

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Irish bow to Mapletoft

young, but its talent outweighs

London irish.

BY A CORRESPONDENT

GLOUCESTER began their Courage Clubs Championship season with live defeats and, at the end of September, looked to be in trouble. Two months later, four wins from nine games looks a lot healthier and there is a cheery, cherry glow at Kingsholm.

London Irish, meanwhile, have yet to find their way out of the basement and their hope lies in the pedigree of their team — eight full internationals were in this line-up. They provided Gloucester with a

tough battle.
"They will surprise a lot of people before the end of this season," Richard Hill, the director of rugby at Gloucester, said. They have got a lot of talent there, but that was a good win for us because, if we had slipped up, they would have closed to within two points of us and we have got to go there after Christmas."

its inexperience and every week the players become more streetwise. Hill had told them to expect an aerial bombardment from David Humphreys; when that did not materialise, they had to

change their tactics. David Sims, the captain, and Scott Benton and Mark Mapletoft, at half back, found the solution. Hill's only complaint was that it took them 40 minutes to do so. The game was played at

breakneck speed. Irish were dangerous on the break; Gloucester preferred to use their kicking game, with Mapletoft turning the screw. He set up Gloucester's decisive second try with a towering kick to the foot of the Irish posts, and watched in delight as Martin Roberts collected the ball and crashed over. Mapletoft converted and produced a dropped goal in the last five minutes to put Gloucester clear.

As he often does, Mapletoft kept Gloucester in the hunt by putting every penalty attempt on target in the first half. Irish breached the defences when the impressive Rob Henderson claimed his two tries in the first period, but three penalty goals by Mapletoft to two from Humphreys served Gloucester well. On the only occasion that they went behind, it took just three minutes before Benton sprinted in for a try.

The score was 16-16 at halftime and the stand-off halves exchanged penalty goals before Gloucester edged ahead and stayed there. "I feel the confidence comes

into this side with every win." Hill said. "There is a belief they are not going to lose. SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Berton Roberts: Conversions: Mepletoft (2) Pen-alty goals: Mapletoft (4) Dropped goal Mapletoft. London kinds: Tries: Randelson (2) Penalty goals: Humphreys (3). GLOLICESTER: C. Catting: M. Potent: A Saverimuto, M. Roberts, A. Lumsder, N. Mapletott, S. Berston, A. Windo, P. Greening, P. Vickery, P. Glannife, R. Pidler, D. Sims, N. Carter, S. Devereux, Saverimutito replaced by D. Cashe (40min).

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RUGBY UNION: AUSTRALIANS BREAK SHACKLES IN TOUR FINALE AND SERVE UP FEAST OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR CAMPESE'S SWANSONG

Burke shows pattern of the future

Autralia XV.,

BY GERALD DAVIES

IN 3RINGING to an end then 12-match tour of the Celt countries, the Australiantiemonstrated once more thos virtues of strength and powr in taking the game forward. Their comprehensive abiliy in continuing to win and maintain possession of the all is instrumental in this. "in .ch a way." Rob Andrew. the tarbarians captain, said, the are capable of keeping a tighgrip on any match." They did o here.

btaking a 27-point lead by haltime, they had also dis-pland a facet of their game tha they had hitherto refraned from showing. "As we as being a well-drilled teat," Andrew said, "they're als exciting, quick and strong in se back line." Until Saturda this had been their bestket secret on their undefeated tor, on which, in the main, the had failed to inspire.

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mua at stake, the Australians

wer prepared, in facing the Bararians, to gamboi along in ne spirit that so often injets their opponents' play. Te Australians gambled a litti more, but were not extragant in any sense. The were nonetheless willing to dow their threequarters a fulk part in the proceedings. The gave Horan time to chace his arm and allowed. Ro and Campese to enjoy opprtunities to stretch their leg and indulge in the occasical sleight of hand, but it wathe insistent intrusions of

Mahew Burke, from full

bac, that tantalised the crowd of 3.000. le had a majestic afternon. Indeed, for 39 minutes he ad dominated the scorebord so much that the 20 posts that his team had sceed all belonged to him. Shoving supremely COIDtroed running, he had outbeleagured Bararians defence to score twories, converted both and kicki two penalty goals. He migt have scored a third try hade not been tackled when shot of the line. With one playr having accomplished so mich, it was with a sense of relic that the crowd greeted anoter name on the scoreshet Joe Roff scored the



Campese's long, flighted pass, in midfield and deep in his own half, was in danger of arriving with Burke at the same time as a would-be tackler, but, full of pace and power, he showed that he had the delicate touch, too. His fingertip flip shifted the ball to create space for Horan, who paved the way for Roff to score the try: This completed Burke's peerless - first-half

performances With such an incisive talent in their midst, the test for the Australia management is whether, as Alan Jones and Bob Dwyer accomplished in the past with Campese, it has the desire and courage to allow such exceptional talent its head, for while the power of this Australian team is in no doubt, its overall potential looks vasily unfulfille

The foundation of their success in a match sponsored by Scottish Amicable was laid naturally, at forward, particularly by a voracious back row that invariably won the mar-

ginal ball on the ground, They rarely committed the errors that the Barbarians did. Only Scott Ouinnell could match them and he will, no doubt, force the Wales selectors to consider him before they announce, this morning, their

team to pay South Africa on Sunday. His efforts were duly rewarded with a try as the Barbarians made a gesture of response late in the second half. Bateman, who also had a

fine match, scored the other.

By this stage, though, the Australians had already ex-tended their lead with tries by

Campese and Horan.

For the Barbarians to make an impression on any future tourings sides - if such fixtures are to continue - they need to fill their team with high-ranking players of proven ability at international level. A full complement was not

This is a tail order, but, to play such rugby as they wish, the Barbarians must invite the best players. Their style, if it is to flourish, requires players of the highest talent, but that they are not always able to do so is out of their hands and is in the gift of others. Rob Andrew was unequivocal. It will be a very sad day indeed, he felt, if, in 50 years, we are in a position to lament the ab-

sence of the Barbarians. While questions are raised on these shores about the value of the Barbarians' continued existence, the French. for their part, want to extend

of a dying breed

Barbarian life

over for one

licity. There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about - and that is not being talked about. So, the man who has lifesize pictures of himself pinned to his bedroom wall had his web site number printed on his baseball cap on Saturday. Out of sight, maybe; out of mind, It was appropriate that

Campese should leave the international field in the company of the Barbarians, except that he was on the wrong side, There has always been much of the Barbarian in Campese a love of freestyle; a hatred of the straitjacket, of the creed that states that thou shalt not try to run the ball from your own half nor in any way place entertainment above a dedication to victory. The paradox with Campese is that the first self-proclaimed rugby miltionaire (in lire, perhaps) should actually preach the most amateur of attitudes.

He was at it again in a Radio 5 Live interview on Saturday morning, shame-lessly provoked by Ian Rob-ertson, the interviewer, into his favourite rant. English rugby was "a joke", he said, hemisphere in terms of commitment to attack, stuck in a sterile world of forward domination and tactical kicking.

He poured scorn on Jon Sleightholme for daring to suggest that England were able to compete with New Zealand and Australia --after all, he has played three tests now, so he must be an expert" — and ridiculed Jack Rowell, the England coach, for suggesting that defeat by the New Zealand Barbarians was part of the "learning process". Australians, he sue ested, did not go onto the rugby field to learn.

Unfortunately, Rob Andrew, the butt of much of the Campese's criticism in the past, lent some weight to the daims with some schizophrenic dithering behind the Berbarians scrum at Twickenham. At one point, the most ruthiess exponent of the keepit-tight brigade went to kick routinely for touch, changed his mind and tried to run the ball from behind his own line.

Campese might have got away with it, but Andrew has never been cut out for the compulsory trivolity of Barbarian rugby. He was buried just as the truth of his terrible mistake dawned.

"I like Barbarian rugby because you can actually go





At Twickenham

self." Campese said. "That's how we play rugby, that's Australian style, we don't have to change. When there are a lot of British players in the team, it frunning the ball is very hard because they're not used to doing it at a very high level. They love to try, but, after a little while, they go back into their shells."

The unpalatable truth for Campese is that the Australia team can no longer afford his style. Had he not retired, this would have been his last game, anyway. He was dropped halfway through the tour and, in his last two games, at Cardiff and Twickenham, he was no more than a peripher al figure. Even his try, roundly applauded by most, was a sneaky little affair, a fivemetre dummy and dash rather than a loping, goosestepping, run to the line. In the error-free zone that is the new Australia, there is no room for wild spirits or impossible thoughts.

The wider fear is that Campese's farewell, a modest affair for such an immodest man, will mark the symbolic decline of the Barbarians, too, as fixture lists become more congested and international teams more efficient. When injuries cost money, players might not be so willing to put themselves out merely for a philosophy. nor will crowds be so eager to watch no contests.

In the meantime. Campes can be found on htp/-/www.campo.com.nf. on the Internet. The site features a diary, a scrapbook of backpage headlines, news of his Australian tour and the main heading: "Campo to meet Queen at Buckingham Palace." It will surely be an honour for Her Majesty.

South Africans pledge to turn Wales match into a festival

FROM DAVID HANDS

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RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

TIE hard part of their tour, of their yer, is over. South Africa's best plyers have a week in Wales before reurning home at the conclusion of wat their coach, Andre Mrkgraaff, describes as the toghest international year in the history of our country," and they are gong to enjoy themselves.

thly one training session is planed this week before the internapnal against Wales on Sunday, whih Markgraaff describes as a "fesval game". This may not be hov Kevin Bowring, his opposite number, sees it, but Markgraaff is ing match at the Parc des Princes on entitled to relax. For a man who received death threats after his choice of the touring party - in particular the decision to omit that most recent of Saracens, Francois Pienaar - the last month has

proved something of a justification. It has produced two victories in Argentina, two victories over France and a promise that the ultimate benefits will be seen against the British Isles next summer. A lot can happen before then, however, as the French can remind Markgraaff: his players have to pick an injury-free way through the Super 12 tournament before the British Isles team arrives in May.

Two first-choice wings, a centre and a stand-off were missing from the France team that failed by so narrow a margin to win a frustratSaturday, never mind a prop and a lock. Of that sextet, Philippe Saint-André and Olivier Roumat will miss the five nations' championship. which removes authority, experience and try-scoring potential from

Yet France, lifted by a powerful display by Pelous at the lineout, came within touching distance of a win that would have squared the series - the final act saw Kruger deflect Lamaison's injury-time dropped goal, from much the same part of the pitch that Castaignède dropped the goal that beat England last season. They did so despite an error-strewn, tactically-flawed performance that must raise a doubt over the state of South African

rugby.
"We are trying to change our

whole game plan in South Africa," Markgraaff said. One that is not hinged upon defence, which was crucial on Saturday, but employs the varied talents of his team and which could be dimly discerned. Yet there are few new names in this team, it is firmly underpinned by those who won a World Cup 18 months ago and it lapsed into the habit that has, on occasions, let

down such powerful provincial sides as Natal in the Currie Cup. When South Africa had achieved a ten-point lead they sat back and failed to impose themselves. The quality of their defence is such that they have good reason to rely upon its absorbent qualities, yet only Derek Bevan's interpretation of a knock-on denied Venditti a try. Dourthe nibbled away the lead with penalties and any team that places

itself in a position where a fortuitous dropped goal can deny them can hardly claim significant playing authority.

their participation, as do the

New Zealanders. As with so

much else in the present

traumatic state of rugby here,

we can rely, no doubt, on the

governing authorities to get

Andrew (Newcastle and England, captain), R Howey (Cardit and Wates), N Pop-phewall (Newcastle and Instant), N Pop-phewall (Newcastle and Instant), N Howel (Southland and New Zeeland), D Garlorth (Leccetae), D Mehrtoah (Portypridd), C Caumell (Richmond and Wates), I Lones (North Harbour and New Zeeland), N Buol (Leicester and England), S Calinnell (Richmond and Wates), Simpson replaced by J Strensky (Western Province and South Aince, Zimmi); Howley replaced by A Moone (Richmond and Wates, 56; Townsend replaced by M Allen (Northamp-ton, 71); C Caumelt replaced (Newcastle and Soutland, 78)

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this one wrong, too.

South Africa in the first half, a period when Gary Teichmann seemed everywhere. Indeed the first five minutes encapsulated the match: a bustling French start, confident sidestepping by Lamaison and a diagonal kick into the South African 22, only for the lineout to be lost and Honiball's powerful boot to take play back beyond halfway. At times Honiball was less than accurate but is almost always assured of gaining ground.

The game's only try was excellent. a movement drifting right before the ball travelled left through Kruger, in the scrum-half position, Andrews playing midfield and Dalpass. That is the nub of Markgraaff's ambition for his team: three forwards comfortable in their

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Honiball: long kicker

Jenkins puts the boot in

Porypridd.. Brigend ...

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BY A CORRESPONDENT

WHLE all around talk of the glitand glamour of European rugy, Pontypridd, the perenniabridesmaid of Welsh rugby have an agenda far closer to ome. The Welsh League, muh maligned this season answithout a sponsor for the fire time since its inauguratio, is, and always has been, at ic top of the Sardis Road lisof priorities.

in Saturday the unfashionale valley dub enhanced its a choces of lifting the domestic tit for the first time as they swpt aside Bridgend, the eay season pacesetters, with a ire-try, 50-point demolition. Nel Jenkins, the ousted Wales ouride half, proved a point to theselectors by helping himsel to 28 points, courtesy of

five conversions and six Jokins has kept a relatively lowprofile since his Wales aged palantand Jason Forster

typically ebullient playing fashion, proved himself worthy of a place in the national team against South Africa

next Sunday. Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, who names his side today, is unlikely to reintroduce Jenkins at this stage, but his spies at Sardis Road on Saturday cannot have ignored a near-faultless display from

the pivot. Not only did Welsh rugby's record points-scorer convert all it shots at goal, but he played a leading role in helping Pontypridd to five second-half tries. The victory takes there seven points clear of third-placed Bridgend and keeps them a point behind Swansea, the leaders.

Jenkins and Matthew Lewis, the Wales A outside half. were the only scorers in a first half that was predictable and often frustrating for the 5,000 who braved the elements. After losing the Wales centre. Gareth Thomas, with a daminterval, Bridgend capi-

Further penalties from the kicking duo left the score at 18-9 as the hour mark approached, but Pontypridd, whose back row became increasingly dominant as the game wore on, stepped up a

Pontypridd's challenge this season has been constructed on a 15-man game, a style that was rewarded when Prosser, the 6ft 8in second row, ran all of 70 yards to receive a scoring pass in the corner.

Jenkins converted with aplomb and Pontypridd moved another step closer to that elusive title. SCORERS: Portypridd: Tries: G Lewis, Lloyd, S Lewis, J Lewis, Prosser, Conver-sions: Jenions (5). Penalty goals: Jenions (6). Bridgend: Penalty goals: Lewis (3)

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Eagles prove a cut above The aim is to get the Eagles to

Widnes ...

BY MICHAELAYLWIN

ARE foreign imports good for English sport? It is a tender, though hotly-contested issue, at the moment, but most discerning observers agree that a measured sprinkling of genuine quality from abroad represents the most balanced and productive recipe for any

one club. Convincing support for this. theory was served up in Berkshire on Saturday, as Reading swept into the fifth round of the Pilkington Cup, inspired by the two US Eagles who

ioined them this season. Mark Scharrenburg is a built of a centre and made an impressive debut for the thirddivision club, but the catalyst for victory was Andre Bachelet, the scrum half and captain of the United States

national team. "We have come over here more than a solitary penalty. looking for regular competi- converted by Murray King.

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the World Cup in 1999 and playing now in England will help us reach the necessary

They can test their progress in the fifth round when they entertain Saracens, a side who might, of course, be criticised for taking international recruitment a little too far.

Reading cut loose in the second half to score 37 points without reply. Bachelet showed great pace to claim two tries, while the centre pairing of Scharrenburg and the electric Lee Fanning formed the focus through which much of the Reading effort was directed.

Meanwhile, Widnes have some international spice of their own in the shape of their 17-stone centre, Basil Ake, a former junior All Black and Bradford Bull. He was ferocious in both attack and defence during the first half. when Widnes were unfortunate not to come away with

to two tries in the second quarter, from Tom Ellis and Chris Martin.

Martin's came at the end of some gloriously sweeping Reading continuity, Scharrenburg punching through to the Widnes posts and No 8 Martin Hart working the ball to the winger. It was an ominous precursor to Reading's second-half perfor-

Five sparkling tries followed for Reading. Bachelet scored brace, while Paul Guttridge, Ian Armstrong and Hart claimed one apiece. Phil Belshaw's kicking took the Reading total up to 50.

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Cuttnidge replaced by A Rottle (63). Ellis
replaced by M Kemp (68)

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Football maintains regional bias

By JOHN GOODBOON

JUST as Lancashire clubs dominate professional football, so their local schools are producing a disproportionate number of successful teams and players. The boys seem inspired by the proximity of clubs such as Manchester United, Liverpool, Everton and Blackburn Rovers who, between them, have won 14 of the last 20 Premiership and old first division titles.

Of the 22 boys who will attend the trials in January for the England Under-15 team, 13 come from the North West. In the Goodyear Under-16 trophy, this region has provided winners in four of the last

Malcolm Berry, the chief executive of the English Schools Football Association, says the North West is unusually strong at the moment. "Next year won't be quite the same, but this area does play a lot of competitive football, and the need to be competitive rubs off on the hoys, it also helps that in places such as Manchester and Liverpool there isn't far to travel between the schools."

The North West has not been as dominant in the older age groups, however. (n the

Schools results .

Snickers Under-19 trophy. which this year has been split into two competitions - one for the larger schools and sixth-form colleges, the other for the smaller schools - the region has had only five winners in the last 17 years.

it seems that the schools' success at producing footballers begins to work against them as the boys get older. "Many schools in the North West lose their outstanding older players to professional clubs. In other parts of the country, more boys stay on to continue their education rath-

er than sign up." Berry said. This factor rarely occurs in the independent sector, where schools from the North Westhave dominated the Boodle and Dunthorne Cup for under-19s. The region has provided the winners of the tournament for independent schools in three of the four years since it began, and this ason schools from the North West filled three of the

Only Lancing, who last Wednesday beat Bury GS 1-0 make a difference."



phen Bird, have disturbed the region's monopoly, Lancing now meet the King's School Chester for a place in the final, The King's School won 1-0 at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn, the winners last season, who were missing three key players, including lan Simpson, the captain. Rhys Owen scored the only goal after his teammate. Damien Testi, had earlier hit the bar.

The other semi-final will be between Manchester GS, who beat Shrewsbury on penalties, and Bolton, 2-0 winners over Bradfield thanks to goals from James Freeborn and Dan

Simon Rees, the director of sport at Bolton, said: "We are after a football mentality young players who think as professional footballers and read the game, and don't just beetle' around.

The North West is an area with a wealth of good football and the boys soak up the atmosphere. The proximity of the schools also means that they are vying with each other, both academically and at

Bolton have also benefited from having Paul Mariner, the former England international, as technical director of football for two years before he went to the United States. He has now been succeeded by Mike Duxbury, the former Manchester United player. Mark Dickson, the or-

ganiser of the Boodle and Dunthorne Cup, said that the day-schools in the North West ball. "They play football both winter terms, whereas most of the schools in the other parts of the country only play football before Christmas, switching to other sports in the new

"Many of the North West

e boys who play all winter from the age of 11 until they are 17 or 18. In a tournament like this, it does



Intense rivalry and the proximity of professional clubs has helped the North West to dominate schools football

Kent contemplates athletic future

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICA CUERESPONDENT

EVERY athlete went away with something, even if, for the majority, it was little more than a foil blanket and healthier lungs. The sight of so much foil at this time of year might be a turkey's nightmare, but, on this cold, misty day, on a sportsfield in Leicester, it was an essential item for keeping warm after a

For the minority, there was a certificate of achievement, a on the TSB English Schools Cross Country Cup finals. Just about worth the sacrifice of passing up the chance to play football, David Kent, the winner of the junior boys' race, thought. He had to be asked twice, though, before

Kent finished like a turkey being chased by a cook with a roll of tin foil, his sprint increasing his considerable margin over the pack. This was a local boy making good. Kent is from Leysland High, Countesthorpe, just five miles from the course at Wycliffe Community College.

Football is Kent's preferred Schools to be running here, his school having progre two qualifying through

decision to run without the ball. "I wanted to do this because I did not want to let the team down," he said.

At 12, Kent is not yet at the

age where hard decisions on sporting alternatives have to be taken. He, like Laura Puddle, built and named for cross country and the winner of the junior girls' race, are still competing in more than one sport at which they are gifted. Yet before they know it. they will be 15, like Andrew Sherman, the winner of the has just begun to commit to running, giving up his other

sport, ice hockey. Common sense is required to be the parent of a child with all-round sporting gifts.
"The big problem is making sure he is not over-stretched," Bob Kent, David's father, "We look at his reactions, his programme and make sure he gets a couple of rest days. Any niggles and we make sure he pulls out of

whatever he is committed to." Kent Sr is in no rush for his son to accept an invitation to join the Leicester City Football Club school of excellence. "With the demands of athletics at an early age and the

TODAY

FOOTBALL

DR MARTENS CUP: Second round; Worcester City v RC Warwick. ICIS LEAGUE: First division: Bognor Rege

v Chesham

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Dulwich Harrier

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round Rusho and Diamonds v Southend; Milleralt

Glimphem MATCHES: English Schools Full Film Trophy: Fourth round: Aldershot v Bath (at Famborough Town) FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Nottinglem v Linconstrue (at Bildworth FC, 7.18)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Folkestone († 0), Ludiow (12,40), Musselburgh (12,20).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

VALDHALL CONFERENCE Monderfeld v Kidderminster (7 45) BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premser division: Dundee Ltd. v Rangers. Second division: Harilton v Sterthousternar; Chyde v Stramae: Third division: Cowdenbeath v

Forfur.

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OTHER SPORT

Chesterfield v Pregton (7.45) ...

becoming more difficult," he said, adding that there were not enough nights in the week to train for football and running.

eased for Puddle now that she boards at Millfield, where facilities for practically every sport are on site. "She used to do gymnastics at Heathrow, play hockey at Sunbury and we could not fit it all in," Kim Puddle, her mother.

Sherman, from The Ridgewin and it was no surprise that the girls' intermediate title went to Louise Whittaker from Weaverham High. The unexpected was delivered in the junior boys' team race, which was won by Killingworth. Newcastle.

The school had never appeared in the finals before Alan Atkinson, its physical education teacher, came seeking merely a place in the top five, but he left with the cup, elated that, on this fiercely competitive day, the Wyo liffe battleground had been turned into the Killingworth

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Sunderland's flotation will test demand

lages, Loftus Roads and Preston North Ends, this week Sunderland Football Club will set a price for their shares and issue a full prospectus on their way to a listing on the main market of the Stock Exchange before Christmas.

This is the first full flotation of a football club, as opposed to an issue on the much less onerous Alternative Investment Market, since Manchester United floated 312 years ago. Admit-tedly, Leeds United have become part of a public company through their purchase by Caspian Group, but that did not test investor demand in the way-that Sunderland will. The Wearside club's fundraising of up to £12 million will be a true indication of the bubbling market confidence and could tempt the big boys, such as Newcastle United, Aston Villa and Everton, into the

The City has some serious questions to ask of Sunderland before it is

willing to give them the market The City value of somewhere upwards has some that Bob Murray, serious the chairman, is seeking. What questions to ask'

land recording their first away win, against Everton, last weekend. What about their accounting policy, under which Sunderland buy a player and hold on to him for a year before writing off any of the transfer fee? Tottenham Hotspur and Chelses write the value down through the life of his contract and Newcastle United write the whole value off immediately (which means this year they will be in the red, regardless of what else happens, because of the Alan

Shearer deal). What about Murray's claim that, as 3:1million people live in Tyre : auctions since the compare three Premiership clubs, there must be more than a million Sunderland fans? Has he not heard of St James' Park?

The prospectus will carry all sorts of interesting detail, such as the sponsorship in-come of more than £2 million that Sunderland expect to get for naming their brand new ground and its four stands. It will contain the sort of intelligently put together projections of income and xpenditure that are sadily lacking in any of Chelsea's financial documentation.

Recent movements in the thinly-traded shares of ChelTHE BUSINESS

Arsenal and Liverpo which are listed on AIM the unregulated Ofex ma kets, have given these club running as high as £15 million. If, however, Sunde land achieve their more modest target of £50 million this will be of greater intere five miles further north where Sir John Hall deciding whether to floa Newcastle. Cameron Hall Sir John's property com pany, has pumped mon than £40 million into th dub and the wily old busi nessman is looking for return. He also wants build a 60,000 seater stad

um across the Tyne in Gate head and th needs outsid funding. The be guess is that is giving a mark ElOO million and to invest in the

rugby and baketball team that will be held in separate, private company.

Everton are also close t floating, Peter Johnson, th chairman and majorit shareholder, said earlier thi year that he did not want t float the club. Now, though he is saying Goodison Par is too small and that h wants to build a new hom for Everton. Expect news it

the new year.
Aston Villa are also in the rumour mill for a float Albert E Sharp, their stock brokers, have been selling shares heavily in a series q year. Doug Ellis, Villa chairman, said in August th company's long-term obje tive was a float. His horize looks like it is shortening.

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Two other smaller clu are also expected to flot soon. Sheffield United's del with the leisurewear con pany, Conrad, should coming to the fore with weeks and Leicester City a also hinting at an appea ance on the market. On the pitch, Sunderland mig have the look of a team goil down, but in financial term they are leading the way.

JASON NISS

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CHANGING TIMES

WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Mc Gateshead (7.45). BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premie

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: England A v South Aince A ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool SA: Lond OTHER SPORT ISER LEAGUE: Lincoster tter (8.0)

RACING: Hesham (12.60), Laicester (1.0), Unglield Park (1.10). THURSDAY

CE HOCKEY: Olympic quality tolland v Grown Britain. RACING: Pakenham (12.50). Park (10), Tauriton (1.10). FRIDAY

BUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION SHIP: Clumitying group Turkey (at Ebbw Vale) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: 5 * Preston v Bladkpool (7 45) Third division: Donaster v Cardill.

LINDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Scotland v flaty (at Invertesh, 2.0) TOUR MAYCH: England A v Queersiani (at Gatashead international Stadium) CLUB MATCHES: Bedford v Lavosate Berry Hill V Lydney (7 0), Ciffon v Bristol Northempton v Loughborough Students. OTHER SPORT

BADIMINTON: Friends Provident Grand Siam tournament (Krisham) BASKETBALL: 7UP Trophy: Chester RACING: Chatenham (12.15), (12.05), Lingfield Park (12.25)

FOOTBALL Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

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WORLD CUP: European qualitying group
five: Cyrrus v Bulgerra (2.0) Caroup sice
Spain v Yugoslava. (at Valenda: 8.20)
Group seven: Belgrum v Holland (7.0)
Wales v Turkay (at National Stackum,
Cardiff) Group eight Macadonia v Romsna (12.0) Group nine: Northern Instant
Albana (at Windoor Park, Bellast); Portugal
v Germany (at Lebon, 8.45) FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Leeds

WHITMESON V BADDOOM.
NATIONWOE LEAGUE: First division:
Bennsley v Trannero, Benningham v West
Bromestr Betton v Ipswech; Bradford v
Reading, Charlton v Port Vale: Norwich v
Olycral Pelace, Outord Utd v Sheffield Utd.
Portsmouth v Hugdenstietd; Queens Park

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rechestror v rayes; kudemmisser v Kettering; Rushder & Diamonds v Bromsgrove; Southport v Attrinchem Starlybridge v Macclesheld, Stevenage v Tettord; Welling v Wolking. BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE Premier

DELLA SCOTTIST LEAGUE PRIMER
division: Aberdean v Mohawet, Hibernan
v Dundee Urd; Kimarnock v Heeris; Rath v
Celtic; Rangers v Dunfamiline First division: Aardne v St Johnstone, Dundee v
String; Fallark v Greenock Monton; St
Liman v Pard; Second du not a Brechin
Queen of South; Dundearon v Hamilton;
Listendron v Jos. Storess v Bervick Dri.
Listendron v Jos. Storess v Bervick Dri. Livingston v Ayr, Stransper v Berwick, Thard division: Albion v Ross County, East Stirling v Cowdenboath, Forter v Allos; Inverness CT v Montrose, Queen's Park v Arboroath.

SAVE AND PROSPER INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v Argentine (at Twickenham, 3.0)

ENTERNATIONAL MATCH; Scotland v Italy
(at Murrayfield). TOUR MATCH: Emerging Wales v South PILKINGTON CUP: Fourth round: Lydney v Newbury (3 0) ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 28; Orrell v

Nempori.

ROYAL AND SUN ALIANCE COLTS

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: East

Midlands v Kent (at Twedsenham, 1 0).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: South: Pool
one: Surrey v Oxfordshre (at Imber Court,
2.15). Pool have: Devon v Middlesex (at

Biddesord). Samenset v Buckinghamshire (at

Bridgwater, 2.15). Pool three: Eastern

Courtees v Dorset and Witshire (at Braintree); Hampohire v Berkshire (at

Bearingstoke, 2.15). Pool four: Comment v

Gloucestershire (at Reducth); Sussex v Kent
(at Worthing, 2.15). North: Pool one: East

Midlands v Lanceshire (at Bechurch);

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OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Friends Provide Slam fournament (Kirkhem). BASKETBALL: Buchweiser Leag mes Valley v Manchester (8.0); W Leicester (8.0) 7-UP Trophy: He

SUNDAY

WORLD CUP: European quality five: Israel v Luxembourg (4.0) FA CAPLING PREMIERSHIP: SU RUGBY UNION

BADMINTON; Friends Provi Stam tournament (Kirkham)

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Otation Will Luso and First Island fly British flag

[Hong Kong Jockey Club]

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The state of t

A GOLDEN autumn for British-trained horses abroad, which began in Canada and continued in Japan, reached a dramatic climax here yesterday when Luso and First Island scooped two of three international races - and prize-money worth more than

Luso, ridden to perfection by Frankie Dettori in the 12-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GOD SPEED YOU (3.10 Ludlow) Next best: Miss Diskin (2.30 Folkestone)

furlong Hong Kong Interna-tional Vase, provided Clive Brittain with a success which will sit alongside the victories of Pebbles in the Breeders' Cup and Jupiter Island in the

Two hours later, First Island, the Geoff Wraggtrained Sussex Stakes winner. completed a memorable sea-son for Michael Hills as he came round the entire field to land the International Cup over nine furlongs.

Sandwiched between the Newmarket double, Tagula was beaten just 12 lengths when fourth in the International Bowl, in which a wide draw possibly cost lan Balding's hope the race.

The contrast provided by 55,000 spectators at Sha Tin to watch an eight-race card with prize-money totalling £1.75 million and National Hunt horses chasing a pittance at home could hardly be greater. Racing in Hong Kong may be a world away from Chepstow and Sandown, but the impact of the British success could be



Hills gives First Island a well-deserved pat after their triumph in the Hong Kong International Cup yesterday

Wragg reflected: "These sort of international races will be more prestigious than the Breeders' Cup soon. I don't think you will have as many European horses going to the Breeders' Cup. Owners and trainers would rather be invited here or to Japan.

"The Breeders' Cup is becoming much more expensive. Our last runner — which was before the large increase in entry fees — cost £35,000 in travel fees alone. Beimont Park. Woodbine and, maybe, Churchill Downs are the only places where European horses compete on an equal footing with American horses."

If the message is to go east, rather than west, in search of big purses, the second lesson which emerged from here involves the travelling of horses. It was no coincidence that both Wragg and Brittain said the trouble-free journey enjoyed by their runners was the foundation of their victories. Others were not so lucky.

The Jim Bolger-trained Idris suffered an horrendous 50-hour flight and, not surprisingly, succumbed to a temperature and was withdrawn. Comininalittlehot, from the United States, contracted pneumonia and had to be put down. While the field of interna-

tional runners was depleted by injury and sickness, there was a moment on Saturday when the meeting looked like being engulfed in scandal as

two American horses, including Michael Dickinson's Da Hoss, winner of the Breeders' Cup Mile, failed a pre-race dope test. Both had traces of an anabolic steroid and were taken out of the International

An inquiry yesterday absolved Dickinson and lan Jory, the English-born trainer of the other American challenger Mateo, of any blame and no further action was taken. However, the anguish suffered by both trainers must have been considerable. "I do feel a little bit like they have played Russian roulette with my career," Dickinson said as he explained the background. A week after his Breeders'

Cup success, Da Hoss was

administered therapeutic medicine called Winstrol by a vet to counter a virus and low red blood-cell count. *Before we did that, we sought expert advice from America in this field and they called up experts in Hong Kong, who said it would clear in three weeks." Dickinson said.

"We didn't just hit him with it; we called up first. We always had the intention of coming here and we knew and respect this is a medicationfree and zero-tolerance coun-

The day he arrived here he tested positive. That was three weeks after the medication had been administered and we still had two weeks to go. At

LUDLOW

12,40 First Class 1.10 Cheryl's Lad

1.40 Pridewood Picker

[Hong Kong Jockey Club] vet tested him on Wednesday, the day before declarations, and

he had a trace. Their head

chemist said the trace would

be gone by Saturday so we

nominated him with the provi-

so that if he didn't pass a prerace test - and none of us

thought he wouldn't - he

Dickinson, whose horses

have never previously failed

drug tests during his 17-year

training career, said that the test Da Hoss failed on Satur-

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INTERNATIONAL CUP (C314.167 1m 1f) WHERNATIONAL CUP (LST4, 167 7m 1s)

FIRST ISLAND ON HED; 2. Second (O Ciber), 3. Kingston Bay (P Tims) ALSO RAI, Needle Gun (7m), NR Da Hoss, Mateo, 12 ran. 14, 14 I O Wrog Tote: 25.00 17:00 38:50, 78:50 DF: 135:00

day excluded any perfor-mance-enhancing effect. The

findings of the microscopic

traces were the result of ultra-

sensitive tests at levels far

below those on which the

experts agree there is no

pharmaceutical effect."

He added: "Their chemist

said at the hearing today that

reduced exercise and the anti-

biotics he was on last week

may well have slowed down

Dickinson continued: "We

have never hidden anything

from the authorities, there was

nothing untoward and I was

not careless. I have no quarrel

with their rules or with them.

The inquiry has been great

miles," O'Grady reasoned.

"He is more mature now. He

is a nine-year-old, so it might

Mr Mulligan remains on

course for the King George

despite a lacklustre seasonal

debut behind Belmont King,

Trying Again and St Mellion

Fairway in the Rehearsal

Chase at Chepstow on Satur-

day. "We will take all the

necessary tests but the horse

appears to be fine," Noel

Chance, his trainer, said yes-

terday. "I think he just never

travelled on the holding

ground. Unless something

comes to light, Kempton is where we're headed."

George entry, is almost certain to miss the race in favour

of the Betterware Cup at Ascot

a week on Saturday. "We will

only consider Kempton if the

race cuts up badly," David Gandolfo, who trains Trying

mont King, victorious on his

first outing for more than 19

months, was cut to 6-1 second

favourite (from 14-1) by Coral.

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the race sponsor.

Belmont King and St Mellion Fairway are both destined for the Welsh Nat-ional on December 27. Bel-

Again, said yesterday.

Trying Again, another King

be the time to have a go."

the excretion rate."

would be scratched."

2,10 Bironi 2.40 Clibumel News 3.10 God Speed You

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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GOING, GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

12.40 BIRCHER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,430, 2m 5l 110yd) (12 runners) Long bandicap. Cracate 9-13. Assumpti 3-15. Ferry Ball 9-9.

SETTING: 5-2 Fats Class, 4-1 Shannon Lad, 7-1 Colmail, 5-1 Tug Your Femiliash, 10-7 Quite A Main, 12-1 Sistery Patrel, Austriaush, 14-7 citiess 1995: BELLACRE RDCK 5-10-13 D Bragmater (12-1) M Proc 14 nm

FORM FOCUS

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1.10 P & T JONES HOVICES CHASE (£3,035: 2m) (4 numers) 000-312 SCOTTISH BAMBI 9 (D.S.) (M neth) P Writher 8-11-5
S-00860 MONAUGHTY IAAN 9 (S.) (Mr. 8 Woodspace) E Came 10-11-2 M P Munray
P/1014- CHERYL S. LAD 270 (F.C.S.) (Mr. 5 Banes) M Handeron 6-10-12 M A Figurated
00-80° THE FENCE SHREAZER 9 (D McCam) D McCam 5-10-12 T Junis

BETTING: 1-4 Charplis Lad. 3-1 Scottish Bambi, 20-1 The Ferca Strinker, 25-1 Managety Man 1995 BONE SETTER 5-11-7 IN Mann (9-4) 5 Meller 7 ran FORM FOCUS

SCOTTEN RAME limit Projector VII in 12-institut newces handicap chase at Hereford (2m, good in soft met THE FENCE SHEWKER (16 worse off) painted that will have been sent to be supposed in County Handicap Hurdle at Chattenium (2m 1, good).

MONAUGHTY MAN baled-off list of 10 to Eastly Selections CHERYL'S LAD

$1.40\,$ shropshire building supplies conditional jockeys HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,788: 2m) (11 runners)

143025 HACKETTS CROSS 18 (BF,F,B) 16 Bracoe) P Ecclas B-11-10 S Hogan
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2-1-35 MOTHMOTODOWNTHAE 16 (CD.BF,F) (M Socking) T Forster 6-11-5 A Bates (5)
016-055 PRIDEMOOD PICKER 17 (CD.ES); (Mr. B Mores) R Price 9-11-5 D J Karesrayk (5)
4-40131 BLOWING PATH 19 (D.F.S) (P Sade) R Hodges B-11-5 M Reversion (3)
04-02114 SPRING LOADED 46 (P) Parther Record J D Sade B-10-1 Michael Bremain (3)
03080PD BRITANNA BULLS 27 (P) (A March 12 Lorgeom 5-10-7 Reas Servy (5)
019-7-5 JUST FOR A REASON 25 (CD.5) (R Judos) R Judos 4-10-4 E Hospan (9)
09-60-00 BVA 19 (D McCan 1 McCan 4-10-4 C Hoggart (7)
0006-00 DVIT OF THE BLUE 19 (N* Covert) M Eckley 4-10-0 J Mogfard (5)
479-30-0 THEM TRMES 19 (Mac I Rochland) F Joston 7-10-0 L Aspell

SETTING: 5-2 Glavery Path, 4-1 Nothingladowithms, 9-2 Pridewood Proter, 7-1 Schnozzie, 8-1 Hecter's Cros Spring Leaded, 16-1 Dut of The Bise, 14-1 others 1995: PROJECT'S MATE 8-10-5 P MicLoughlin (14-1) R Brown 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

HAGNETTS CROSS 3/41 2nd of 14 to Burington Sum in conditional pickeys salling handlesp hurdle over coxes and distance (good to Serial.)

HATHERSTEDDINVITEMED 12 and at 8 to Postendate in handlesp hurdle 2 to 16
Long handless: Out Of The Shur 9-6, Them Times 9-4

2.10 HIS ROYAL HI HANDICAP CHASE (Arrateurs: £3,469: 3m) (5 nunners)

601 FR23-22 BIRON 18 (BF.F.G.S) (Mrs. M. Waggo) 7 Forster 7-11-11 J. Juliana 602 OF43-62 GLEN MIRAGE 14 (D.F.G.S) (J. Coombe) M. Coombe 11-11-7 Miss. M. Coombe 603 11-P2PP FARRY PARK 38 (V.CD.F.G.S) (Mrs. M. Snew) H. Okrer 11-11-5 M. H. Offwer 604 ORQUIT- JUST ORD CANALETTO INS (A.S.) (Former Synch M. T-Danne 8-10-4 J. Boldziesto 605 SPO-568 OPAL'S TENSPOT 18 (D.F.G.S.) (Mrs. J. Mailer) J. Bacdley 9-10-0 Miss V. Roberts Long hendicap. Opal's Tenspot 9-8

BETTING: 5-4 Brorn, 2-1 Glan Misage, 5-1 Just Doe Caralletto, 7-1 Farry Park, 14-1 Opal s Tempos. 1995: FULL OF FIRE 8-11-6 Mr C Bonner (4-1) K Bailey & ran

FORM FOCUS

BIRONI 31 2nd of 12 to Highland Park in nevous bendices classes at Wincarson (2m 6), good) GLEN West's Asserp 15/1 in 14-mater setting handlesp briefles of 10 to 16/4. The Beak in handlesp briefles of Folkastone (2m 6) 110yd, good in 1889 PARK 31 2nd of 4 to Drumschlem in an ameliau notine bandlesp chase at Huntington (3m, 3), good to 58/10/11

2.40 MICHAEL PERROTT NOVICES CLARKING HURDLE (E2.486: 2m) (12 runners)

498b: ZMI) (12 INTREES)

SP-2085 CADDY'S FIRST 13F [V] (Caddy's Four Partners) S Mellor 4-11-0 . M Menn 89
3U3-163 MUTAWALI 25 [F] [J Warren) K Beler 6-11-0 . G Hogae (3) 88
6PP03-0 DODGY DAMCER 9 Relacendor bn) Mrs J Wilherson 6-10-11 . L D'Hara 86
723240 MASHARI 23 [C States] M Chapman 8-10-11 . W Warrengton [9]
04 CLEURINEL HEMS 19 (1 Forbes) A Forbes 6-10-9 . Barry Lyons 80
6F OFFICE HOURS 3 (10 States) M S M Limer 4-10-5 . W McFattand 73
0-0 DEE TEE TOO 21 (S Bruze) A Camoli 4-10-5 . W Massion 80
F RUS AL KHALI 6F [J Lane] A Streeter 5-10-5 . T Belly —
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F POLLI PUL 16 (A Brooke Sankar) W Brobourns 4-10-0 . R Massey (3) — BETTING: 3-1 Citizumei News, 5-1 Nastrani 6-1 Mateurah First Ben 7-1 Ten Ten Too. 6-1 Caddy's First. 12-1

1985; STAG-POLLAIDH 5-10-10 J Osborna (4-1) K Balley 15 can

FORM FOCUS

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3.10 INVERSHIR NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3.126: 3m) (9 runners)

Long handicap: Oxford Quib 9-13. Crown heary 9-11 Romany Stees, 9-7 BETTING: 5-4 Sad Speed You, 9-4 Dromhare, 8-1 Record Lover 10-1 Crown heary, Derocaton Bayo., 14-1 Captus

1995: CLASS OF MMETYTWO 6-11-10 A P McCoy (8-11 lav) I Forsto 5 tan

FORM FOCUS

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3.40 OLDFIELD STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,306, 2m) (11 runners)

BETTINGS, 5-4 Mrs Em, 5-1 king Of The Blues, 6-1 Saleracare 8-1 kylemi, 10-1 Floosy 14-1 Chaos and Order 16-1 others.

1995 COME ON PENNY 4-10-13 D Lesby 7-1 (D Gardolto) 13ran

MRS EM beal Woodspork Wanderer St in 13-runner Kalenca Hunt Fist race at Taurdon (2m 11 good to lum) KINS OF THE BLUES 91 promoted and of 10 in Scoring Pediatre in 10-runner Manna; Intel Plas race at Taurigne (2m 11, good to lum) KYLANN 24%! 5th of 17 to Lady Roberca in National Hunt Flat race at Wincardon (2m, good) MONSEUR PRIK 301 5th of 12 to Nicharana in National Horistanae at Parth (2m 110vd. good).
SAREBIACARE 21161 6th of 13 to National Huril For race at Worcester (2m, good) FLOOSY 103a1 5th of 16 to Cool Virtue in National Huril For race at Hereford (2m 11, firm).
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Champion's temporary hitch Rough Quest on standby for

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

IMPERIAL CALL'S lastfence fall in the MMI Stock- but that will go away in a few again with Saturday's runnerbrokers Punchestown Chase days. There wasn't a sweat up, Merry Gale, in the 24on Saturday was dismissed by mark on the horse latter the mile McCain Chase at Leohis trainer. Fergie Suther- race and the fall was just one

land, as a "temporary hitch". The Gold Cup winner was having his first run since Cheltenham and was in command when crashing at the last. Imperial Call was remounted by Conor O'Dwyer to finish fourth to Royal Mountbrowne.

"It was more my fault than the horse's," O'Dwyer said. "Iasked him for a long one, then I thought it was too long and Ichanged his mind for him."

Sutherland yesterday confirmed that Imperial Call's next race will be the Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown on December 28. The trainer added: "He has a nasty little

MISSERIE

12.20 Arian Spirit. 12.50 Jonaem, 1.20 Montrava. 1.50 Fen Terrier. 2.20 Antartictem. 2.50 Marble Man. 3.20 Caught At Last.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

HURDLE (£2,115: 2m) (12 runners)

12.20 LONGNIDDRY MARES ONLY MAIDEN

APLAN SPRIT 14F J Sens 5-11-0 B Storey
OPP- CRITIC COMBAN 198 W Reed 5-11-0 A Debbit
FARRY-LAND J Johnson 4-11-0 A Debbit
OH-3 HITTEL LOCH 58 R Whodosus 5-11-0 D Parlet
HITCHES LADY 21F 8 McCaffor 4-11-0 D Parlet
O JALMAD 7 H Alsonafes 4-11-0 A McGazith (5)
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12.50 PRESTONPANS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,290, 3m) (10)

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2 4126 JONAEM 39 (F) Mrs. E Stack 6-11-0 ... R. McGasth
3 441 - TANGREO MASCHEF 108F (F) D Barter 5-10-12 ... P Midpley
4 554U YACHT GLUB 43 (D.F.) B Yamb 11-10-1 ... C Elloft (5)
5 0564 THARSIS 3 (D.F.) B Yamb 11-10-1 ... C Elloft (5)
6 0655 MARCO MASCHEO 39 (V.F) Mss. I Russell 8-10-0 ... G Lee
7 3543 LITTLE REDWING 5 (V) M Hammond 4-10-0 ... E Calloghan
8 -570 LATRIE-7 44 (D.F.G.S.) D Lamb 12-10-0 ... N Hanolly (7)
9 -005 BARNISTORMER 27 (B.G.) E Elloft 10-10-0 ... D Parint
10 35 CHARLING 583 W Curnnegham 6-10-0 ... L McGreth (5)
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1.20 WEE JIMMY MITCHELL HANDICAP CHASE

1 -68F GREENHALL RAFFLES 16 (F.G.S.) Miss I. Passell 10-11-10

blister under his right elbow, of those things.

The champion two-mile chaser. Klairon Davis, fell when making ground at the fourth last. "He got too close to it, but it was too far out tosay if he would have won," his trainer, Arthur Moore, said.

2.05 MMI STOCKBROKERS PUN-CHESTOWN CHASE (Grade L: 1222,750:

izm 40)

1. ROYAL: MOUNTBROWNE (C Shein, 7-1); 2, Meny Gale (J F Brodelck, 8-1); 3, Time For A Run (J Shortt, 25-1) ALSON RAN: 4-6 law Imperial Call (4th), 5-2 (Reinon Daws (f), 18 Love The Lord (pu), 6 ren. 3, dist A F O'Shein, Total 27.0; 25.50, 25.50. DF Ch 80, CSF: 250.25.5. Seco

Klairon Davis is set to clash pardstown over Christmas. Royal Mountbrowne is a

probable for Saturday's Tripleprint Gold Cup at Cheltenham, where he will join another Irish hope, Anabatic. Royal Mountbrowne's jock-

Charlie Swan, has rarely had a more surprising victory and said: "After they went by me I was just riding for a place. But I was flying at the last, knew I had Merry Gale covered and, once imperial Cail fell, I was in."

The winner's trainer, Aidan O'Brien, will decide tomorrow whether Unibande or Theatreworld will run in the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham on Saturday.

1.50 GOREBREDGE HANDICAP HURDLE

2.20 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

1 5135 COMMANDER GLEN 23 (V.F) M Harmond 4-11-13. R Gardity
2 3337 LEAP IN THE DARK 24 Mrs L Scholl 7-11-1. A Thornton
3 P-21 (DRES AMERITAL 12 (D.G.) D Lamb 6-10-6 ... J Surbe
4 -530 ANTARTICLERN 10 6 Dictord 6-10-8 G Carb
5 06-0 RUBISLAW 6 Mrs K Lamb 4-10-0 ... Miss S Lamb (7)

6-4 Kings Mossiral, 7-4 Commender Sien, 5-2 Leep in Ton Dans, 12-1 Aniarticism 33-1 Rubislan

2.50 HUMBIE NOVICES CHASE (52,954: 2m 4l) (8)

6-4 Noyan, 3-1 Marbin Man. 7-2 Highland Way. 5-1 White Diamond, 18-1 Camplessamus, 12-1 Openhelm, 20-1 others.

6-4 Land Of The Lock, 5-2 Caught & Last. 4-1 Cartisle Bendino's, 6-1 Blood Brother, 8-1 Deedscriter, 12-1 Blue Chequer, 14-1 others

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3.20 MUSSELBURGH INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,196; 2m) (6)

brilliant form." 2,584: 2m) (7) 1 0-21 5735H THE GASH 7 (0,6.5) M Haramood 5-12-1 (7mg) R Gashiy 2 41-6 HEE'S A DANCER 100 (0.F) Mass I. Aussaul 4-11-17 A Double.
2 416 FEN TERRIER 9 (0.F.G) F Martingh 4-11-1. A Double.
4 U4U- RAPID MOVER 103F (R.CU.F.G) D Nobe 9-10-11. Mt Mickensy 5-5-10 PESSY SORDOM 39 (7) Mrs D Ibarnson 5-10-0. G Carlel.
6 PP-P DOON RIDGE 6 (0.6) Mrs L. Sadsal 5-10-0. R Supplie 7 -0PO BARK 7 B Martingger 6-10-0. B Surrey S-4 Stack The Cash, 5-2 Fen Terzer, 5-1 Hee's A Dancov. 7-1 Rapid Mayer, 10-1 Peggy Gosdoo, 16-1 Basik, 20-1 Doon Ridge.

Kempton showpiece. One Man is also bound for

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7-4 Dantes Cavalice, 9-4 Loid Rocote, 5-1 Norbell 7-1 Millemound 10-1 Garger Medi, Lades Boy, 12-1 Cine For Statistion, 14-1 others.

2.30 WHITE HORSE NOVICES CHASE 193 753, 3m 2f) (6)

3.00 DENTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,736: 2m 5f) (7)

3.30 SEABROOK HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,427: 2m 6l 110yd) (5)

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TRADEPIS: N Tucker, B werners born 28 runners, 28.6%; Mr Sampood, 25 from 93, 25%; Mrs M Reveley, 10 from 45, 21.7%; J Eyre, 5 from 24, 20.8%, P Monteolth, 9 from 60, 15.0%; J Johnson, 12 from 83, 14.5%. 9 433 GRANO SCENERY 12 (CD.F.G) J Johnson 8-10-0 ... A Dobbin JOCKEYS: P Moon, 11 womens from 33 titles, 20,8%; 0 Parker, 5 born 30, 18,7%, J Callagian, 6 from 37, 16,2%; J H Burke, 3 from 20, 15,0%; 7 Reed, 13 from 90, 14,4%; R Gardily, 3 from 27, 14,5%. 3-1 Tapiter Budget, 4-1 The Tessier, 9-2 Clasming Sale, 6-1 Montree, 7-1 Cornel. Popliacon 8-1 Puntan, 12-1 others. NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS X RACELINE Jockeys TRAINERS | THAINCES| | 187 | 288 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 0930 1684 COMMENTARY A Magaire D Bridgester R Johnson R Democody J Osborne MUSSELB'GH 102 202 FULL RESULTS SERVICE 168 P Niveo . R Gardily N Williamson.

return against One Man

well, but it is a great step

forward now that he finishes

No party will welcome Sound Man's participation

more than the Kempton execu-

tive. Only 16 have been en-

tered for the £100,000-added

event. Many among them are

unlikely to run, which will

encourage connections to try Sound Man beyond his fa-

his races better,"

THE prospect of a sound er, said. He reported the bay too keen and jumped too surface at Cheltenham on mone the worse yesterday for extravagantly to get three Friday has forced Terry Casey, who trains Rough his tussle with Viking Flag ship. "An important factor will Ouest, to consider starting his be the ground — he will need a National winner decent surface. On Saturday Grand against One Man in the he showed a resolution which Tommy Whittle Chase at I don't think he had in the Haydock the following day. early part of his career. In the past he has always travelled

Casey's preference Rough Quest remains the race at Cheltenham, but the trainer said yesterday: "It is most unlikely the ground will have eased by then. Although the horse has won twice in those conditions, he will be a little burly for his reappearance so I would like to find some cut.

The trainer added: "He is in at Doncaster as well as the Haydock race and he will go wherever the ground is suitable. I am very keen to run him at the weekend. He is in

The King George VI Chase on Boxing Day is Rough Quest's first major target. Should circumstances conspire to keep the horse in his box until then, Casey would be reluctant to start him in the

Kempton, itself the likely destination for Sound Man after his tenacious victory in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown on Saturday. "Our options are open," Edward O'Grady, Sound Man's train-

Maestro Paul, 3.30 Snow Board.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

2.00 DANTES CAVALIER.

(£2,427: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

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1,00 Northern Fleet, 1,30 Greenback, 2,00 Dantes Cavaller, 2,30 LITTLE MARTINA (nap), 3,00

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

1.00 OTTINGE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

9-4 Monthern Fleet, 11-4 Royal Diversion, 3-1 Royers Magic, 9-2 Dark Age, 12-1 A Chel Too Far, 20-1 General Heavy Red Raja

6-4 Greentrack, 2-1 Porphysics. 5-1 Minster's Martam, 8-1 Sunsel And Vice 10-1 Dam Mont Men.

1.30 stalisfield green novices chase

Casey: ground rules

2.00 MINSTER MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,411, 2m 6(110)d) (15)

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2 036- PERROALER 262 P Mobbs 5-10-12 N Williamson —
3 PP ALONE MODE: 15 C Momb 5-10-11 J Magnet (3) —
4 114-2 LITTLE ENSITABLE 16 (6.5) P Gescal 8-10-11 JR Rawrangh 98
5 ARCTIC MADAM 18 (9.6) P Natholic 7-10-7 A P McCoy 64
6 12-3 Mass Diskin 12 (5) R Bucket 7-10-7 B Powed — 6-4 Linte Manne, 2-1 Hausting Wuss, 5-1 Mus Deskin, 7-1 Pennsaler, 14-1 Arcas Mestern, 16-1 None Home

1 35-0 EARLY DERIVER 12 (C.G.S) 0 Steward 8-12-0 JA McCarthy 98
2 SFP. MAESTRO PAUL 240 (CD.F.G.S) J Gitted 10-11-13 P Into 39
3 0.1 MAMILY'S CHOICE 21 (D.S) R Jane 6-11-4 P Henley (3) 98
4 30-6 RIGHTING DAYS 48 (CD.F.G.) A Moore 10-11-3 P Holley (3)
5 FRODEN PLEASURE 5 T Janes 10-10-7 D Larry 9
6 JP. RIBBILE 374 P Chamege 8-10-0 B Featon 9
7 0873 MCKSORS BAY 5 T Casey 6-10-0 D Bridgweiter 88 2-1 Macrimy s Choice, 9-4 Jacksoos Boy 4-1 Marchio Paul 7-1 Early Damler, 10-1 Hoddon Pleasare, 12-1 Fighting Days 20-1 Romble

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: A P. Jones. 4 wincers from 12 namers, 33.3%. J Galland, 17 hops 59, 28 8%. M Pipe, 8 from 30, 26.7%, R Albert 5 from 22, 22.7%, N Exceller, 3 from 15, 20.0%, R Home, 10 from 58, 16.9%, D Galssell, 9 from 55, 16.4%. JOCKEYS: D Bridgwater, 5 witness from 21 rides, 23.8%; P Hole, 2 brun 36, 22.2%, B Fenton, 3 from 15, 20.0%, R Duraccedy, 7 from 45, 15.8%; D O'Seithean, 4 from 25, 15.4%; A P McCoy, 4 from 30, 13.2%.

6-4 General Minutes 7-4 Snow Board 5-1 Minutes 8-1 Indian Quest, 12-1 Jackson Fint

Victoria Walker takes the fitness-minded on a quick run through the aerobics-based classes now on offer

A high or low impact on your fitness

erobics in all its many forms is one of the most popular and most accessible means of exercising today. From "keep fit" classes in a local village hall to membership of an exclusive club, there is a tremendous variety of activities and costs on offer.

Exercise classes in Britain (as opposed to dance classes. for example) can be traced back to the 1920s and 1930s, when the League of Health and Beauty promoted gentle exercises involving a lot of bending and stretching.

Using such dance-hased movements as a way of keeping fit and toned became fashionable again, particularly in America, during the late 1970s. It was popularised by people such as Jane Fonda who swore by it as a means of staying young, lean and beautiful.

The Sports Council in Britcerned with what it saw as a rise in sport-related injuries due to inadequate coaching. It consulted experts and the Royal Society of Arts (RSA), and created in 1987 the first nation-



in exercise to music. Since then, this RSA standard has been successfully used and is only now being superseded by National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) for fitness in-

studio-based exercise class often within one sports centre or club. Whether high or low impact, performed with weights or resistance bands, with or without a step or even a swimming pool, what they all have in common is a cardiovascular work-out. mainly to music, and a period

Aerobics in its most basic form can be performed at either high or low impact. Walking is a low-impact exercise, running is high impact. One foot will always be on the floor in a low-impact move such as hamstring curls, but this may not be the case with a high-impact move, such as jumping jacks. As the name suggests, the impact or jarring action on the body will be more intense with a high-

impact activity. One of the most popular classes today is step aerobics. This involves stepping on and



off a specially designed, slip- been adapted at different proof plastic box, which can be adjusted in height to make the exercise easier or more difficult. Step aerobics can be performed at high or low impact, though most advanced

classes tend to have a mixture. It was created by American fitness instructor Gin Miller, in conjunction with her physiotherapist, as a development of the classic bench step and Harvard step test, as she attempted to keep fit while recovering from a knee injury.

It is becoming increasingly fashionable to flavour exercis classes with the moves of different genres of dance and music, Jazz, Funk, Salsa and even Line Dancing have all

times to the needs of exercise classes. Other sports, such as boxing, have also been adopted by some classes to add variety to the moves. Boxercise comprises cardiovascular exercise with shadow and

punch-bag boxing.
The useful qualities of water as an exercise medium has also been recognised. Water provides excellent support for the body, as well as creating a natural resistance for muscles to work against. For these reasons, aquarobics is an especially good way for the unfit to

start an exercise programme. Prices of exercise classes can vary enormously and generally reflect the quality of ameni-

exercises. My 7am step class took place at The Harbour Club. The rudeness of the early hour was inevitably softened by the luxury of the

The Harbour Club is known to the majority of people who do not have membership as the venue where Diana, Princess of Wales goes to keep fit. The facilities are designed to pamper as much as exercise. with deep pile snow-white towels, gailons of moisturising cream and shower gel at every turn in the changing rooms.

The club offers a huge range of activities and even boasts a real tennis court, as well as my favourite - a bar and restau

reflected in the membership fees: the peak rate costs E2,600 to join and £100 per month

In direct contrast, Karen Walsh's keep fit class at the Jubilee Hall in Bishop's Wal-

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rant. The range of activities tham, Hampshire is excellent and quality of amenities are value at £2.50 per hour. But, unlike a health club, she can only offer her own class and not a wide range of activities. The hall has no changing facilities or showers, and there is not a single luxury towel to

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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

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The declarer had a choice of endplays on this hand.

clubs offer different types of membership packages. The Y in Manchester charges £320 for a year's membership or alternatively you can work out there with a day pass for £8.50. This price gives access to all of the exercise classes, including

a full range of general sports. The Porchester Centre offers membership of a gymnasium with cardiovascular machines and free weights, swimming pools and a studio, from between £15 and £37 a month. Single classes cost £4.05.

FIND a qualified and insured teacher - such as members of The Exercise Council. Qualifications may include a RSA/Sports Council certificate or an NVQ.

MANY dubs insist on fitness tests for new members and/or an injury questionnaire. Make sure you discuss your personal health and fitness with your teacher before starting a class.

■ WEAR comfortable clothing that allows the body to move easily, such as leotards or shorts and T-shirts. Always wear trainers, preferably with heel/ankle support and cushioned soles. Sports shoe stockists should give individual advice.

■ THE venue should be at a comfortable temperature and, ideally, have a semi-sprung floor. Mats should be available for floor work and any eculpment used should be regularly checked. FIRST gid equipment and a trained first aider

ADDRESSES

should be on site.

☐ The Exercise Association, Unit 4, Angel Gate, City Road, London ÉC1 (0171-278 ☐ The Harbour

Club, Water Meadow Lane, London SW6 (0171-371 7700).

Porchester Centre, Queensway, London W2 (0171-792 2919). ☐ The Y Club, Liverpool Rd, Manchester M3 UR (0161-834 6035). ☐ Karen Walsh, Jubilee Hall, Little Shaw Lane, Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire.

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How to begin an exercise programme The dizzying array of moves

rriving a little too early for my first aquarobics class at the Porchester Centre, London, I went for a quick swim. Bad move. Aquarobics is not for sissies. The combined exertions of swimming and ronning around a pool were almost too much for my feeble, flabby body to cope with. Nevertheless, it is an excel-

ent way for the unfit to begin an exercise programme. I was heartened to learn that I was not the most unfit member of the class. The all-female group consisted of all shapes, sizes and ages.

Water provides support as well as resistance for the body. Carol Jackson, who gave birth to her second child only six weeks ago, feels that aquarobies is the best way for her to regain her figure.

"It's great working out in a pool because you don't feel so hot and sweaty and at the end of the class you just feel refreshed," she said, Aquarobics takes place in

the shallow end of a pool and

there is no swimming involved. It has adopted many of the jumping, kicking and stretching moves found in a Although I lacked a little puff and an awful lot of grace, I managed to complete the main cardiovascular part of the workout without mishap. As the class wound down, however, and the pace slack-

ing-down exercises, my body started to do its own thing. Supported by a float under each arm, we simulated situps and did leg stretches. Everyone else in the group

ened for stretching and cool-

My body, however, seemed to be propelled around the pool propelled around the pool with every move 1 made, 1 bumped into the wall and my mates with alarming

Finally that bit ended and the swimmers among us pad-dled off to the deep end to simulate rouning — support-ed by floats. I was horrified to discover that my earlier problem with dynamics had rewersed. People "jogged" happily past me while I remained stationary despite foriously moving my legs. I siunk back to the changing rooms determined to do bear

any people choose to take a spot of exercise before going to work. Unable to comprehend this, let alone contemplate it, early morning exercise has never crossed my mind. Why I agreed to take part in a step-acrobics session at 7am is beyond me.

However, it is rather hard to sleep if somone keeps yelling "energy" at you - and energise I did. The fitness instructor guided us through various moves which were cunningly threaded together so that we were suddenly involved in complete routines that took us off, on and around the step in a dizzying array of move

My wobbly legs were noticeably grateful as the pace slowed and we finally cooled down and stretched. But perhaps the greatest testimony to this session was that I felt full of energy all day. And as a tribute to the trainer, not a single muscle ached in the b. To dispraise

South opened One Spade after East had played a low one, three passes, North raised to Four Spades and South made a general try with Five Spades. North went on to Six Spades,

Five Spades — his shape was unproductive, and he only had one control outside spades. The final contract was poor. The declarer got off to a sound start when he put in dummy's queen of hearts on the opening lead. Good players make attacking leads against slams, and so West was more likely to lead from a king than a jack. As it happens, a trump lead was best for the defence on this

When the queen of hearts held, declarer drew trumps in one round and cashed the ace of bearts. He returned to hand with a trump and ruffed his last heart in dummy. Now he played off the ace and queen of diamonds. After taking the queen of diamonds East returned the queen of clubs. That is the correct card - if

declarer would have no choice queen after West's jack had forced the king. By leading the queen East gave the declarer the losing option of playing him for an original holding of QJz. As the deciarer had decided to play for split club honours he put on the ace and finessed against West's jack, to make the contract. His line succeeds whenever the club honours are split, about a 52

There is a better line: after eliminating the trumps and hearts, play off three rounds of clubs. That makes whenever the king of diamonds is with East 50 per cent), and when the diamond king is with West but West has to win the third. club. That second chance is clearly greater than the 2 per cent necessary to beat the other line.

per cent chance.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

VITIATE . a. To spoil b. Full of vices c. School for religious novices

a. A lace collar

CARBUNCLE a.'A car morgue b. An honorary uncle c. A red stone **NEFANDOUS** a. Unspeakable b. Neck-and-crop c. Inclined to weep



BY RAYMOND KRENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Las Palmas preview

The Las Palmas tournament which aspires to be the strongest in history, gets under way this week. The competitors are Kasparov, Karpov, Anand, Kramnik, ivanchuk and Topalov, the world's top six ranked players. They will conduct a double round competition against each other. The Las Palmas tournament is lent added allors by virtue of the fact that it sees the first clash between Kasparov and Karpov since the start of 1994. Here is their last game, one on which Karpov, though Black, pressed for a win and, indeed, missed the extraordinary tactical possibility 13... Bxa3 meeting 14 Rxa3 with 14 ... Qxc1+ and 14 bxa3 with 14 ...

White: Garry Kasparov Black: Anatoly Karpov

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		Nd5
22	Bd2	Ke7
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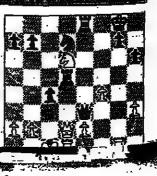
The simultaneous display, where by a master or grandmaster takes on numerous opponents at one and the same time is a powerful tool for raising funds for charitable

On Saturday March 22, I will take on allcomers in a simulat-neous to take place in the board-room of St George's Hospital. Tooting, London SW17. The goal is to raise funds for the St George's Hospital Hold My Hand appeal which aims to reise £1 million for their children's intensive care unit Details and entry forms are available from Lucy de Ville, The Appeal Office, St George's Hos-pital, tel: 0181-725 5096.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Sorokin — Jemelin, Elista 1996. I Qxe3 Rxdl+ and 1 Nxe8 Rxd2 are unattractive for White. How did he improve on these variations?



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MOTHERWELL: England Americus 7
Scottland Americus 3 (England names: 915) Heavyweight T Oakey bi W Kane pis Light-heavyweight M Thompson bi L Remsay pis Middeweight J Pearce bi J Davis Program of the Company of the Co CRICKET

SMEFFELD SHIELD (third day of lour) Hobert Tasmana 481-8 dec and 161-0 (J Cox 102 red out, D F Máis 54 not out, Victora 431-9 dec (D M Jones 145, L Harper 77, D J Saker 66 not out) CURLING

COPENHAGEN: European champion-shipe: Merr. Semi-limate: Scottand 3 Swizzerland 7; Sweden 7 Germany 3 Firest: Scitzand to Sweden 3 Third-place plant off; Swizzerland 8 Germany 7. Minor placings play-off: Firikand 9 England 4. England Instinct eighth Witteren; Quar-ter-limate: Germany 11 Finland 2 Swizze-land 6 Dermany 3. Sweden 9 Norway 3, Scottand 4 France 4, Switzerland 8 Germany 3. Finals Swizzerland 7 Sweden 4 Third-place play-off: Germany 5 Scottand 4 CYCLING

Keyr 103-Guinness Euroleague (Fud round, Manchestier Velodrome) 25-lap scratich: 1; W Work (Cardif) 7mm 22.26Sect: 2; P Wost (Manchestof) 3; L Birtenkamp (Dostmand) 10-minute motopeood (metch A) 1, M Steenbeek (Amsterdam); 2; P West 3, R Hayles (Landon), 10-minute motopeood imetch B): 1; L Birtenkamp, 2; Hayles; 3, W Wright One-Idometre madieon IT; 1, Manchester (R Hughes and R Wood) 10; 276; 2; Cardif (S Writcombe and Wright) 10; 875; 3; Dortmand (R Laules and Bartenkamp) 10; 355. The stations, 3000-metres pursuit; 1; C Ball Loridon); 3; 27,737; 2; R Laule; 3; F Barnforth (Manchester) Devil silve the Hindmost: 1, R Schweda (Dortmand); 3; S Bigs; 2; R Jordens (Manchester); 3; McGroy (12:39); 40; Amsterdam); 5; Michael (13:4); 3; Mi

Cyclo-cross BCCA regional championships: South of England (Crabble Park, Douer, 10 miss) 1, R Hammond (Crabble Park, Douer, 10 miss) 1, R Hammond (Colistrop) 57min 40sec, 2, A Taylor (Sutton and Croydon Ofmpad) at 155; 3, B Curlus (Team Comdon) at 225, Miclands (Alesstree Park, Derby, 14 miss) 1, M Guy (BMM-Proleo) 57 56; 2 D Barnett (Ace RT) at 36sec; 3, 6 Kingth (Halessowen C and AC) at 54sec. North of England (Sawerby Park, Bridington, 15 miss), 1, B Green (Didram Certury RC) 105:13, 2, T Gould (Leam Schwinn) at 56sec; 3, 17 sylor (Pace Factory RT) at 138, East of England (Forhall Stactum, Ipawsch, 14 miss), 1, G Sricock (Team Kona) 1.09-00, 2. // Burtor, (Meldon and Dished CC) at 9-262, 3. C. Thomscon (Octogon VC) at 1.08. Insh-championship (Bathyrioney, Co Antern 12 miles) 1. R. Seymoney, Co Cantill (Bern Valley RC) at 4.26, 3. A Steet (Barn Valley RC) at 4.26, 3. A Steet (Barn Valley RC) at 1.26, 3. A Steet (Barn Valley RC) at 1.26, 3. M. Campell (Bound CC) at 1.09, 3. W. Cappeland (Insath) at 4.15. Orenian CC (Great Hassey, Celeprotehue, 10 miles) 1, T. Sood (Oborsan CC) 52:01, 2. A Butt (Hargmove Opties) at 1-01, 3. J Emery (Passang An Ternam at 2.25. Sapphire RC (Disyptote Country Park, Warsacischer 16 miles) 1. M. Sodden IAco RT) at 1.35. Zotac CRC (Wkb) Soons Centre 10 miles, 1. I. Sodebotham (CC Lancashire) 58:25; 2. E. Rucholl (CC Lancashire) 68:25; 2. E. Rucholl (CC Lancashire)

Darts LONDON: Wirmau World Masters chemptonships; Men's singles; Semi-snals; R Burnett (Males) to A Footban (Engl 30, C Mank Engl to R Schallen (Hoil) 3-2, Finet; Mank to Burnett 3-2 EQUESTRIANISM

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15. Togo Santa's Echo (F Stockdale) and
Elocinick II (G Goosen) eggin faults in first round West European League (effer eight of 15 competitions) 1, P Raymakers (Holi) 7265. 2, B Mandis (Santa) 40; 2, B Roccet (Fr) 36: 7, M Whiteker (GS) 31, 18, D
Lampard (GS) 27.

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE LATEST POSITIONS Second leg Rio de Janei to Wellington 6,600 miles 12. Heath Insured 8 Ploves, 3. Globel Wave Union • Warrior Counterles int 58.5°S Services 4. 13. Time & Tide 59°S . Pause to 1. Prelition as at 58.5* 13.56GMT yesterday

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ICE HOCKEY

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KADOMA, Japan: National Trophy: Pirale: Women: Singles: 1. M Bulyrskaya (Russ) 2.0;15: 2.1. Karationathi (US) 2.5: 3. Y Varsbelva (April 6.2. 4 H Yorkeys (Ligna) 6.0: 5. S Humphreys (Cani 8.5. Pears: 1. J Meno and 7 Sand (US) 1.5: 2.E. Shishkovs and V Naumov (Rusc) 3.0: 3. K Ina and J Durgen (US) 4: 4: 4.5 Kus and Z Hongbo (Crina) 7.0: 5. M Knaturna and A Kruokov (Kaz) 7.0 ke denoe: 1, 5 Monathe and P Lavanory (F) 3.0: 2. M Antesna and G Pearsat (Fi) 3.0: 3. I Romanova and 1 Yaroshneio (Ulin) 6.0: 4. M Drobacko and P Varragas (Lm) 8.4: 5. B Fuser-Poli and M lategação (II) 8.6:

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Women Under 48kg; 1, J Heron (Southes)
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Women Under 48kg; 1, J Heron (Southes)
Women Under 64kg; 1, J Heron (Southes)
Women Under 57kg; 1, N Bert, (North west), 2 C Richards (North), 2 R Bert, (North west), 2 C Richards (North), 2 R Fetton (Radands)
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RACKETS

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RIFLE SHOOTING

OXFORD: Southern region universities tournament seams of c.gm, 1 Cycled and Southernpton 1 163pts, 3, London 1 157, 4, Bath 1,133 S, Peading 1 102, 6 Erster 1,023, Individuals 1 equal P Partel London), J Honning (Southerspron), C Barr (Oxford), and R Umusinh (Cytord), all 196pts.

RUGBY LEAGUE

MATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGLE Promier division, Beverley 14 Lock, Lano 8 Leigh Minure, 30 Dudley Hill 31 Soudieworth 35 Heavier Hill 31 Patrick's 50 Egremort 10 Pret division. Blackbrook 16 Wigan St. Jude's 28, East Leads 16 Culton 14 Eastmoor 40 Leigh East 4, Million 8 Thommill 36 Moldgreen 4 Barmow kaland 16, Walney Central 11 Askam 8 Becond division: Ecoses 31 Desbury Moor 12, Overdon 24 Normanton 16 Redhal 42 Hull Dode'ns 12 Postponed: Shaw Cross v New Earswice, York Acom v Million

SKIING

KURSAMO, Finland Nortic World Cup sty-ump event: 1 P Paterta (Stoverac, 278 tps; 2 L Crescer Rhor; 263.6 ?; 7 Chabe (Japan) 345.6 4. A.P. Niskosi Frin; 242.4 5. J Anonen IFrin; 241.6 Leading World Cup standings (about rounds; 1). 0 Thomas (Gert 2396): 2 N Brunden (Mar) 238. 3. Chabe 205: 4. A Goldberger (Austria) 186, 5. Petraka 176 Leading World Cup standings: 1, Jupan 562cc; 2, Norwey 524. 3. Germany 251.

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DAVOS, Switzerfand, World Cup Nordic cross-country relays: Men 5 4 x 10km relassic 1 Finland IJ Isometic, S Rope Hitmechiem, M. Mohthai 114 44mm 51 2 xc. 2, Sweder All Fredheson A Bergham N. Joneson H Forcheigt 14526 2 x Norway II ff. Sughali V Uwang, A Ede, S Swentani 14526 6 4 horsey I ff. Sorgadic C Scarres E Jeyne OB Hjelmoch 14626 5, S Puscia IV Legolin A Prokurorov, G Gathekov, S Tchepholi 14708 9 Women's 4 x Stan classic: 1 Norway IS Murtinsen, A Moon-Gadon, Mill T Debendami, 57419, 2 Russia IN Commind L Legolina J Egolova, E Vactor 5815 9 3 Russia II in Macolima 5 Nagelina J Tschepholia, G Danilovat 59 01 1, 4 Finland IV Tibranen, R Srinos, K Sundeyet, T Pyyktonom 5920,6 5 Norway IM Scission, K Potro E Nitsen E kyerstedmo) 59:515 Mers'edmoj 59:51.5

VAIL, Colorado: Women's Alpine World Cup downlight 1 R Goestach (Authra) India 47 71sec 2, K Septingor (Gor) 1 48 53, 3 k nostres filt 148 91, 4, 6 Messarater (Austra) 1 49 13 5, M Genery (US) 1 49 26 Super-Gr 7 S Gladistina (Petro) 1 17 7 Sec 2 P Wiberlig (Soo) 1 17 97 3 C Menifiel (Fig. 1 18.1), 4 H Gerg (Gor) 118 15 5 k (Fostine fil) 1 18 9 Leading overall combined standings (after seven Eucris) 1 Sezinger 41405, 2 Wiberlig 53, H Gerg (Gor) 276 4, A Wachtke (Austria) 180, 5 k Kostner (fil) 187

SQUASH

BOMBAY: Mahmdro Infernational: Final: P Next (Scot) of R Eyles (Aus) 13-15, 15-10, 7-15, 17-15, 15-13 KNARESBOROUGH* Hamogate Champsonships: Finats: Mert. B. Rickats; bf. J. Richards bf. 3, 8-5, 9-6 Women: D.Hamos bf.S.Shut. 9-2, 7-9, 9-5, 9-6

TENNIS

HUSL: LTA Reside Tour Semi-finals: Men: Semi-finals. P Hand (Benchee) bt J Barnett (Scotland) 6-4 6-2 G Henderson Yorkshine in J For (Lincohishne 8-7 6-2 7-5 Final: Henderson bi Hand 6-3 7-6 Morran: Semi-finals: N Egorova (Faxs) bt J Littora (Paxs) 6-2 J Ward (Durham and Cleveland) bt J Wood (Middlesen 6-1, 5-4 Final: Frances to Ward 6-6 6-5.

VOLLEYBALL NOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS JP: Second round, second leg: Albace (Sp) 3 Smannia Music () (Albacete ver. 6-1 on aggregate)

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women's first diversion: Ersey: Estomans 3 Loughborough Students 1 (15-12, 15-6, 11-15, 15-6) Smoke Free Bermingham 0 London Malory 3 (5-15, 6-15, 8-15), Manchester United Saltard 3 Sheffield Wednesday 0 (15-8, 15-4, 15-7)

ALT ASSOCIATIONS **RUGBY UNION**

PLIGEY UNION

Bestford 5 St Paul*a 1R; Bristol GS & St Brandon's 12, Presention 20 King's, Bruton 6; Chellanham 31 Werkelet 18; Chief's Hopatel 27 Hursbierpoint 14; Dean Close 12 Pror Park 5; Elon 44 King's, Carriettury 3, Elester 36 Kelly 7; Judd 79 Rochester Marin 6; King Belwerd's, Bash 22 Qualen 20:280-280 Hospital 1; King's Womester 20 RiGS Wordester 8; Kinfaham GS 43 Birkenned 0; Liverpool 6 Bt Edward's, Liverpool 56; M48 Hel 8 Felsted 17; Montmouth 16 Blundelf's 13; Parse 28 Nowlich 5; CEGS, Wakeled 76 Stockport GS 0; Radley 14 Abrigdon 9, 8t George's, Weybridge 28 Cleartam's 5; Stynebus 27 Federal Hells 27; Shertoome 36 Downside 13; Trent 20 Solinul 0; Weillington 8 Letymer Upper 29; Weillington Col, Berishher 14 Mariborough 0, Woodbridge 16 King's, By 16; Worlin 40 Seelord 21; Winkin 12 Workeop 10.

FOOTBALL BIGLISH SCHOOLS FLU FILM TROPHY. Fourth round: Coveriny 6 sand r.; Dertoy 6 South Notes 4; East Riding 1 Chesistrield 1; Liverbool 4 Bishop Audidand 2; Josefich 1 Mar Hersa 2; North Tyrecide 3 Resembles 0; Plymouth 6 North Devon 0; Rediridge 1 Harlow 1; Bhetfield 0 Setton 1; Wetland 1 Phymouth 6 North Devon 9; Redbridge 1 Harlow 1; Shetfield 0 Setton 1; Wellord 1 Istington 4 FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Chestrite 1 Lancestrie 2; Claveland 4 Cumbra 9; North Yorkshie 2 South Yorkshie 3; FA Premier League Under-16 Trophy: Cleveland 5 Cumbrie 1; North Yorkshie 2 South Yorkshie 0; Redbrid 1; North Yorkshie 2 South Yorkshie 0; English Gille Shield: Madistane 1 Staten 2; Michelly 1 Croydon 0 Southern Counties Cup: Mid Oxon 2 Gloucester 0; Swindon 1 Berking 0. Southern Leaguer, Bearingstoke () Havent 6; Southernpion 4 Gosport 1. Nay Trophy: Hackery 3 South London 1. Sider Shield: Brent 9 Harrow 2. Sibson Cupe Croydon 0 Sutton 2. London Hawler Trophy: Islington 3 Harrow 2. Sun Shield: Hardway 3 Lae Valley (); Honor 4 Brant 2. South London 5 Harlow () Cortethier Shield: Hawlering 1 South London 2. London Gill Cape Novement 1 South London 2. London Gill Cape Novement 1 South London 2. Nottingham Cupe Conyclon 0 Sutton 2 Nottingham Cupe Berni-Binat Nottingham 0 Kiriday 3 Laei Nottingham von 4-3 on penatheat, Herswert Trophy: South Leocater 0 Nottingham 7. Alsook Cupe: Chester 0 South Chapter 2. Steamerschat 3: Cropby 0 South Chapter 2 Steamerschat 3: Cropby 0 Sooks 2. Infan-wessolet n: Visis of Winter Hamiltonian 3 Gosport 0

ATHLETICS LECESTER TSB English Schools Cross Country Cap: First: Intermediate boyer 1, A Stermen (Ricgeway, Wroughton) 14min 58ec; 2, 11 Laming (Howard, Reinbarn) Beecc 2, R Learning (Howerd, Reichern)
18:11: 3, S Edwards (& Areelin's, Birtonhead) 18:14. Teamin: 1, St Areelin's, Birtonhead) 18:14. Teamin: 1, St Areelin's,
Birton-head 58: 2, King Edward VI, Morpith
116; 3, Toynibes, Chandler's Ford 117.
Intermediate girts: 1, L Whitzeler
(Misswerhern 15) 10min 25mic 2, S Favori
Southean 15) 10min 25mic 2, S Favori
Southean High, 10:37: 3, E Thompson
(Gostorth) 11:55. Teamin: 1, Southeand High
17: 2, Westverham High, Northeich 94: 3, St
Alberts: 99, Junior boyer 1, D Konit
(Leysland High, Laicester), 11min: 25mic,
Teamin: 1, Kdingworth 94, Junior girts: 1, L
Puddle (Mitteld, Junior), Smin 18sec.
Teamin: 1, Collox 91.

Tosok and field CRYSTAL PALACE: Indoor marking Mark Shot: L. Newman (Belgrave) 17.61m Woman: Shot: 1, J Cekes (Croydon) 17.60; J. M Lynes (Esetx Lackes) 14.68

Gross country WIMBLEDON COMMON: University match: Men: 1, D Leggate (C) 38min 19sec; 2, H Lobb (C) 39 31; 3, D Kisk (D) 39 48; 4, E Malloch (C) 39:51; 5, J Funder (O) 40:34. Teams: 1, Dolord 389ts; 2, Cambridge 43. Wormen: 1, 8 Cook, (D) 20min 15sec; 2, D Line (O) 21:31; 3, K laylock (C) 21:32; 4, R Curris (O) 21:47; 5, E Casson (C) 21:55 Teams: 1, Outrel 55pts; 2, Cambridge 21, Old Blues: 1, J Hernes, (C) 17min 55sec; 2, J Fizzamons (C) 18:05; 3, A Beevers (O) 18:05 Vertenans: H Almann (O) 21:65. Over 80: C Chetaway (O) 25:23 Wormen: LHBI (C) 24:09 Teams: 1, Oxford 127pts; 2, Cambridge 127. CHELTENHAM: Middand championships; Men: 1, S Cotion (Tipton) 33min 13sec; 2, E

Hyland (Rechill, Notis) 34:08; 3, S Robinson (Chellenham) 34:23. Team: 1, Notis 75;05; Women: 1, S Elsa (Birchfeld) 27:min 53ee; 2, R Jordan (Birchfeld) 28:28; 3, S Ontolga (Notis) 28:41. Team: Birchfeld, (Notis) 28:41. Team: Birchfield.
SOUTHEND: Essex League: Merz 1, J
Starling (Chelmstord) 33min 10sac; 2, M
Beering (Chelmstord) 33:53; 3, M Whelan
(Chelmstord) 33:55. Team: Chelmstord.
Womer: J Swellow (Brantwood) 18:46.
Team: Hanesing Mayesbrook.
BOGGART HOLE CLUDGH! Manchester
and District League: Mert. 1, J Brown
(Selford) 34min 12sac; 2, M Hutchrason
(Indiond) 35:03; 3, A Hamison (Esst
Cheefree) 35:03, Team: Alamchana.

Read running EAST (CLBRIDE: Hugh Wison Memorial 10for: Men: 1. T Murray (Spengo Valley) 30min Risse; 2. B. Kirkwood (Afizuno) 32:25; 3. K Laird (Durnites) 32:50. Team: Durnities, Wormen: V McPlerson (City of Glesgow) 34:48. Team: City of Glesgow



Making a splash: Oxford and Cambridge runners make their way across Wimbledon Common during the 106th cross-country University match. Oxford won all three matches - men's, women's and old Blues

RACING

SANDOWN PARK Going good (good to irm in places)

12.50 (3m 110yd ch) 1. Aerdwelf (3 Bradley, 7-2), 2, Major Summi (11-10 lav) 3. Hill Di Tutlow (7-2), 4 ran Shihd, dist. C Brooks, Tote £4.30 DF C3.30 CSF £7.45 1.20 (2m chi 1, Muligan (A Magure, 4-6 tev, Richard Evene's nap), 2, Land Alar (9-4), 3, Down The Fall (5-1), 3 ran NR Missier Drum NR, 51 D Nicholson, Tole: £1 70 DF-£1 60, CSF, £2 32 1.65 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Aerion (J Osborna, 7-4 lay) 2, Hay Donce (18-1), 3, Wanssead (40-1) 8 ran, NR - Adley 114, 31 O Sharwood Tote 52 80; 51.60, 53.00, 52.90 DF: 521.90 Tno 5322.80 CSF: 525.43 Threast 5775.58

2.30 (2m ch) 1, Sound Man (R Dunwoody, 10-11 lay; 2, Vidno Flagehp (3-1); 3, Storm Alen (4-1) 4 ran 6l, dist E O'Grady Tote. Et 50 DF 12:20 CSF: 13 76 5 (2m 110ud hdiel 1 A6 3.08 (2m 110yo n.09) 1, Masaka A saman (20 1): 3. Tormey, 9-1): 2. Masaka Bavelad (20 1): 3. Tidjan (50-1) Terren 11-4 (av. 15 ran. 2, 9) M Ppe Tote: £11 50, £3 80, £3 70, £8 40 DF £105 10, Trio £4,066.10 CSF £169 36 Tricast £7,835 82

17,000 fc; (2m 6 hdis) 1. Colemny Boy (N Williamson, 20-1); 2. Tim (5-2); 3, Malich (100-30), Tara Rambler 10-11 hav 5 non. 2kl, 44 Mrs J Pomer Tole; £15 70, £2.60, £1 70 DF £18 40 CSF £65 03 Placepot £1,384.50. Quadpot £177.50.

CHEPSTOW

12.45 1, Tompetoo (5-2) 2. Three Far-things (9-4 lav), 3, Dannous (13-2) 9 ran NR Amazon Heights, 1.15 1, Cadouglid (4-1), 2, Sparking Yasmin (7-2); 3, Nick The Beak (6-1) kingdom Of Shades 11-8 lav 8 ran 1.46 1, Samise (3-1) 2 Datyns Boy (30-1) 3, Fut Of Cats (7-1) Billygoat Gruff 6-4 lav. 7 ran. 2.20 1, Belmont King (6-1), 2, Trying Agam [4-1]: 3, St. Mellion Faurway (5-1) Mr. Musigan 2-1 lav. 7 ran 2.50 1, Ainst Solf II (5-1), 2, kongres Melody 125-1), 3 Laura Lye (20-1), Tread The Boards 2-1 fav 10 ran 3.20 1, Or Royal (5-4 fav), 2, Dream Ride (9-4) Only two linished 6 ran

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12.25 1, Southern Nights (2-1), 2. Fine Sir (15-8 lav), 3. Absolutly Equiname (9-1) 16

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ton: 1t, 12c, 15pg, 4dg) 78: W Carling (Harlequins, 2t, 27c, 5pg) 71: P Butter (Bistot): 1t, 8c, 16pg) Tries: 8: A Actionsy (Bath): B. J. Bell (Northermpton): J Cuscoti (Bath), 5 John (West Harlepool), D O'Leary (Harlequins), 5: N Beal (Northermpton): M Catt (Bath), G Connolly (Harlequins), J Stables (Harlequins), J Stables (Harlequins), Third division Leeds: Tries: Mathias 4, Turpuloto 2, Anscough, Appleson, Ashcroft, Cavithome, Green, Radacanu Cons: Anscough 9, Tulpuloto.

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Requests for county court hearing date

Sampson v Moon Jones v Roe Shopfitting Ltd Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Auld and Sir Brian Neill

Judgment November 25 In a county court action, to which the automatic directions regime applied, a request by the plaintiff for the fixing of a hearing date if made after the expiry of the sixmonth period prescribed by Order 17, rule 11(3)(d) of the County Court Rules but before the expiry of the 15-month period provided by rule 11(9) was valid even though there had been no preceding request for an extension of the six-month

The Court of Appeal so held: I Allowing an appeal by Robert Perry from Mr Recorder Garside, QC, who sitting at St Helens County Court, had held that his personal injury action against the defendant. Kang Ho Wong, had been automatically struck out under Order 17. rule 11 of the County Court Rules 1481 (S1 No 1687 (L. 20)) as substituted by County Court (Amendment No 3) Rules 1990 (SI No 1764 (L 17)); 2 Dismissing an appeal by Dave Moon from Judge Elystan-Morgan, who, sitting at Warrington County Court, had held that the personal injury action brought by the plaintiff, Gary Sampson, had

under the rules: 3 Allowing an appeal by John Jones from Mr Recorder Grime, QC, who, sitting at Manchester County Court, had held that his personal injury action against Roe Shopfitting Ltd had been automatically struck out under the

In each case the plaintiff, although not requesting a hearing date to be fixed within the sixmonth period prescribed by Order 17. rule 11(3)(d), had made such a request within the L5-month period provided by rule 11(9). The defendant had applied to the court for a struck out on the ground of non-compliance with the rules. Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr

Graham Wells for Mr Perry: Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr Philip Grundy for Mr Sampson; Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr Sam Grodzinski for Mr Jones, Mr David Stockdale, QC, for Mr Wong, Mr Moon and Roe Shopfitting. THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

referred to the plaintiffs' argument that a request made within the 15month period was valid under the rule; that it would be offensive and unfair if an action were automatically struck out where a party had done precisely what the rule itself had provided; that, in particular reliance on Ashworth v McKay Foods Ltd (1996) i WLR 542) and Ferreira v American Embassy Employees Association ([1996] 1 WLR 536), the effect of decisions since Rastin v British Steel plc (1994 | WLR 732) was that a request within 15 effective and timely. within 15 months was

that paragraph (3)(d) was unambiguous and mandatory, imposing a duty on a plaintiff to make the request within six months; that nothing in the rules relaxed that requirement and that the proper approach was to construe paragraphs (3)(d) and (9) make the request within six months the plaintiff had to obtain the court's leave to proceed if he ned to apply for a hearing date before the expiry of the 15-month period: and that decisions on Order 17, rule 11 had emphasised that importance of compliance with the requirement to seek a hearing date within six months. defendants' further submission.

made in particular reliance on Metroinvest Ansalt v Commercial Union Assurance Co Ltd (1985) 1 WLR 513, 520) that a failure to comply with paragraph (3)(d) was an irregularity which, while not

be cured.

new and, as the court had held in the past, draconian regime, with the obvious intention of attempting to eliminate the delays which had disfigured the conduct of litigation. particularly personal injury cases, in the past. Given that the regime was new and to some extent

revolutionary there was limited value in earlier authorities arising in different contexts. It was furthermore clear that the rules had to be construed so as to give effect to the intention of the

rule-maker. Here the object was to

induce greater urgency in the

conduct of civil litigation. It was important that the court should be slow to erect interlocutory hazards or obstacles which would increase the expense and delay which parties would encounter in seeking to overcome or circumvent them and which would serve no valuable procedural

The court had plainly. In the earlier cases, assumed that a request for a hearing date, if made within the IS-month period, was sufficient to save a plaintiff from the sanction provided in rule (1)(9): see Ashworth (at p550).

had pointed out, that the present point had not been argued either in the Ashworth case or in other similar cases. Veterans of the litigation would be surprised to learn that any point capable of being argued had not been argued in the past. If the court had thought there was any merit in the present point it would have been likely to

In his Lordship's view, the assumption which had animated occasions was correct and the court had indeed assumed, with justification, that a request made within 15 months sufficed, despite the fact that there had been no application for an extension.

The wording of the rule sup-

important at the outset to recognise to make a request within the 15-that Order 17, rule 11 introduced a month period. There was some infelicity in the language of rule 11(9) in that it referred to a request made pursuant to rule 11(3)(d) within 15 months when a request made pursuant to rule 11(3)(d) had to be made within six months.

The reconciliation of that problern was that the reference in paragraph (9) was to a request of the nature specified in (3)(d) and not obviously to a request made within the six-month time limit. The rule clearly envisaged that a request might be made at any time up to the 15-month period.

That did not mean that rule 11(3)(d) was without effect it enabled a defendant to make an appropriate application for the fixing of a timetable with the equent risk of a costs penalty to the plaintiff, or his advisers. It also enabled the court to

summon the parties and impose a procedural timetable on them which the Court of Appeal would expect increasingly to be done. A request for a hearing date after six months and before the 15month deadline did not import a retrospective application for an extension. The request for a hearing date had to be made to the

Since the fixing of a hearing date was an act of a formal or admin-istrative character which was not by statute the responsibility of the district judge, the "proper officer" was to be interpreted by virtue of Order 1, rule 3 to mean the chief

clerk or any other officer of the court acting on his behalf.

So defined, the proper officer would not be a suitable person to whom to address an application calling for the exercise of discretion. The inference was that if the plaintiff requested the proper officer to fix a hearing date after the expiry of the six-month period. but before the expiry of the 15month period, the proper officer would fix the date.

That was an automatic step not involving the exercise of discretion. It might be open to a defendant to apply to set that order aside on the

Resisting application to stay proceedings pable of being regarded as an abuse of process: see Ashworth (at

Andrews v Brock Builders (Kessingland) Ltd Before Land Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Aldous and

varied greatly in significance and his Lordship would question whether one rule was applicable to Lord Justice Brooke all such irregularities. [Judgment November 21] That was the conclusion reached A plainuff who relied on financial difficulties to resist an application

by Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor, in Chapman v Chap-man (1985) 1 WLR 599) and his to stay proceedings to give effect to an arbitration agreement had to show that he had a reasonable Lordship agreed with it. In any event it was clear on the prospect of establishing that the defendant's breach of contract had construction of Order 17, rule 11 which in effect established a code. caused his inability to arbitrate. that the rule laid down, if such it The Court of Appeal so held in a was, by Lord Justice Cumming-

reserved judgment dismissing an Bruce could not apply to non-compliance with Order 17, rule reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, the trustee in bankruptcy of Mr Alan Andrews, against the decision of Judge Bowsher, QC, sitting as an Official Referee on December 8, 1994, staying his action against the defendant, Brock Builders (Kessingland) *Ltd., pursuant to section 4 of the Arbitration Act 1950 on the ground that the proceedings. Accordingly on the construction of the rules and consistently with previous authority a request made for a hearing date to be fixed, if made after the expiry of the sixmonth period and before expiry of the 15 month period and before expiry of the 15 month period and period was validly. the 15-month period was validly on the ground that the proceedings made even though there had been no preceding request for an exten-sion of the six-month time limit. related to matters agreed by the parties to be referred to

In the first action, the recorder by the defendant under a sub-contract which contained a clause request had been made within the six-month period the plaintiff had requiring all disputes to be re-ferred to arbitration. In June 1990 to obtain an extension even if he made a request within the 15the defendant terminated the submonth period; that that request implied or imported within it an contract. Subsequently, Mr Andrews was made bankrupt. His application for an extension which he determined against the plaintiff on the tests laid down in the Rastin trustee in bankruptry was granted legal aid and started proceedings inst the defendant for breach of contract.

> Mr Sinclair Cramsie for the tiff: Mr Christopher Smyth for the desimplant.

> LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS, givng the judgment of the court, sa that the case for a stay of the proceedings against the defendant was, on its face simple. There was an arbitration clause in the agreement and there was no reason why a stay of proceedings should not be The plaintiff resisted the stay on

the ground that if the defendant had not wrongfully terminated Mr Andrews' employment it was un-likely that he would have been made bankrupt. The plaintiff had the benefit of a legal aid certificate which enabled him to fund the proceedings but he was unable to fund arbitration proceedings. The effect of granting a stay would be to stille the plaintiff's claim.

Section 4 of the Arbitration Act 1950 indicated that effect should be given to an agreement to refer disputes to arbitration unless there was a sufficient reason for refusing

The mere fact of a pisintiff's poverty which would have ren-dered it financially impossible for

Trustee of the property of him to go to arbitration, was not which the court could refuse a stay. However, if a breach of the egreement by a defendant rest in the plaintiff being unable to prosecute arbitration proceedings that could amount to a sufficient reason to refuse a stay.

> Standard of proof The first matter for decision was whether a plaintiff, when seeking to rebut a defendant's application for a stay, need establish on the balance of probabilities that it was the defendant's breach of contract that caused his inability to arbitrate, or was it sufficient that there was a triable issue, alternatively a real prospect of success or, as the judge held, did he have to show a real probability that it was the defendant's breach that had

caused his difficulties? In Fakes v Taylor Woodrow
Construction Ltd [1973] QB 436)
the majority of the Court of Appeal
rejected the standard of a strong
prima facie case.
Lord Denning, Master of the
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Rolls, was prepared to accept as sufficient that there was a triable issue, whereas Sir Gordon Willimer required some reasonable probability that a charge might be well founded. In Goodman v Winchester and Alton Railway plc [1985] I WLR [43] it seemed that normal civil standard of proof.

onstrate a consistent approach. It was therefore not surprising that the plaintiff submitted that the court should adopt the lowest standard of proof and the defen-dant urged the normal civil stan-dard of proof.

The court saw the force in that latter submission, based as it was on the submission that when the parties had agreed a perticular way of dispute resolution, a court should not endorse a deviation without clear evidence to support the grounds put forward.

However, to adopt that standard would require a court to carry out a mini-rial to decide whether the plaintiff's claim was probably going to succeed. That the court believed would be wrong. The creat therefore did not believe that to be the appropriate standard.

The court would also reject the

as being too low and adopt the test suggested by Str. Gordon Willings in Fakes which he expressed as "some reasonable probability that Taking those words as a whole, the court believed that the test oposed, which the court believed to be the correct one, was that the plaintiff had to show a reasonable The judge, relying on the words of Lord Justice Griffiths in Goodman had understood that a plaintiff had to establish a reasonable probability of success.

Although that was under-standable, the court believed his approach was wrong. It was therefore necessary to look again at the facts and, if appropriate. exercise the discretion given by section 4 of the Act.

Application of standard of proof

The defendant submitted that upon the evidence the plaintiff had not established to the required standard of proof that the alleged breaches of contract caused the plaimiff's inability to arbitrate.

The court believed that submission had merit. The highest it was put by the plaintiff was that if the defendant had not wrongfully terminated Mir Andrews' employ-ment it was unlikely he would have been made bankrupt.

There was no evidence that even If Mr Andrews had not been made bankrupt he would have had funds no conduct arbitration proces Thus any inability of the plaintiff to go to arbitration did not appear to have been caused by the actions or inactions of the defendant.

It followed that the plaintiff had not established that an exceptional circumstance arose such as to provide a sufficient reason for

Section 4 of the 1950 Act gave the court a discretion to grant a stay, It by no means followed that even if the court had come to the conclution that there was a reason win the dispute should not be referred to arbitration, namely that the mability of Mr Andrews to carry on arbitration proceedings had been caused by the wrongful acts of the defendant, it would not have been right to grant a stay. That would have been only one of the factors to be taken into account

The court had no doubt that it had been Mr Andrews' intention to institute arbitration proceedings. It was not until the plaintiff became involved and legal aid was obtained that the position

used to recover money owed by Mr Andrews to his creditors. If the claim was a good one then it could be referred to arbitration and funded by the creditors who would be the recipients of the damages.

Taking those matters into ac count the court would have exexcised its discretion so as to grant

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Duty of employer to ensure safety of employees

Health and Safety Executive v Spindle Select Ltd

Before Lord Justice Staughton and Uudement November 281

In the context of criminal proceedings, the duties of an employer to ensure the safety of his employees were comprehensive and all

The general duty was laid down by section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The matters referred to in section 2(2) were no more than examples of that general duty to which there was no need to refer specifically in the information and which, in any

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the Health and Safety Executive by way of case stated against the dismissal on April 15, 1996, by Oswestry Justices of an informa tion preferred against Spindle Select Ltd under section 2 of the 1974 Act in respect of an accident to

their employee, Mr Nell Peever. The information stated that Spindle Select, being employers, falled to discharge the duty imposed by section 2(1) of the 1974 Act in that they did not ensure so far as was reasonably practicable the salety of their employees and in particular Mr Pecver while at work using a new semi-automatic workshop whereby they were guilty of an offence as provided by

inserted by section 4 of the Offshore Safety Act 1992. Mr Dominic Grieve for the prosecutors: Mr Peter Cowan for

> the company. MR JUSTICE TUCKER said that the information was preferred after Mr Peever had his right hand severed after coming into contact with the rotating cutters of a wood turning machine. The tustices disraissed that information on the company's application before any

evidence was addisced. were that (i) the information falled to give reasonable information as to the nature of the charge and (ii) that if the prosecutor sought to give further particulars by alleging Court so held in a reserved section 33(i) and liable to a penalty both a failure to guard the mach-

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ine and a failure to train Mr Peever adequately, the information would then be duplicatous as alleging two

The court was informed by Mr Grieve, counsel for the inspectorate, that it was their practice, and also his experience, for such an information to charge an offence contrary to section 2(1) and not to prosecute under the less general provisions of section 2(2).

Mr Grieve submitted that section 2(1) provided the foundation for the offence and that section 2(2) merely provided examples of the ways in which the offence might be committed. It was the practice to provide advance information of the way in which the prosecution

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eggestion that if full particulars had been contained in the information it would have been bad for duplicity. He would not have referred to any of the paragraphs contained in section 2(2) but to a particular fault. That would not have been duplicitous since he would have been referring to one activity, one risk, that gave rise to one accident and therefore to one

information Mr Cowan submitted that the es were right to conclude that the information was defective.
In his Lordship's opinion the

section 2(1), as the section creating the offence and, provided sufficient particulars were given, that was the proper course to take It was not necessary to refer in terms even if applicable, to any of the paragraphs of section 2(2), or to

the subsection itself. Even if the information itself, or the particulars which accompanied it, referred to more than one aspect of the overall duty, that would not make the information bad for

Accordingly the appeal would be allowed, the justices' decision quashed and the case remitted to the justices with a direction to continue the hearing. Lord Justice Staughton agreed.

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No rent set-off against benefit

Haringey London Borough Council v Cotter

An alleged underpayment of rent allowance could not be set off against a claim for overpayment of housing benefit because there was no private law right of action in relation to payment of housing

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Mummery) so held on November 21 in allowing an appeal by Haringey Lordon Borough Council and dismissing a cross-appeal by the defendant landlord, Michael Cot-

ter, against a decision of Judge

Tibber sitting at Edmonton County Court and in striking out the defendant's counterclaim in its

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY said that Parliament had not intended that the statutory rights conferred by the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, the Social Security Administration Act 1992 and the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (S. 1987 No 1971), as amended, should confer on claimants or any other person, such as a landlord, a private law right of action for breach of duty in relation to the sayment of housing benefit.

The regulations provided a de-

tailed self-contained and exhaustive procedure for enforcing the duties of the appropriate local authority in relation to the determination and payment of housing benefits. Until a determination was made under that procedure there was no duty on the appropriate authority to make a payment of housing benefit.

If there was any dissatisfaction been made the appropriate procedure for challenging that determination was that laid down in the regulations or, failing that, by judicial review and not by way of private law action for breach of

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European Law Report

Home carer not employed person if wife

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Case C-77/95 Before L. Sevon, President of the Fifth Chamber and Judges C. Gulmann, D. A. O. Edward, J.-P. Puissochet and P. Jann Advocate General D. Ruiz-Jarabo

(Opinion July II)

Judgment November 7 A woman who provided home care for her husband after he became paraplegic in an accident, and was not engaged in an occupational activity or seeking employment when she began doing so, was not part of the "working population" for the purposes of the Community occial security equal Institute.

social security equal treatment

The Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Hanseatisches Oberlandess (Higher Regional Court), Bremen, for a preliminary ruling on a question on the interpretation of Council Directive 79/1/EEC of December 19, 1978 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security (OJ 1979 L6 p24).

The plaintiffs husband, Mr Züchner, who had previously been engaged in an occupational activity, became paraplegic following an accident, and required assistance from another person in the form of therapeutic treatment and of general care and nursing. The plaintiff provided that care

in its entirety. Mr Züchner's sickness insurance fund provided financial assistance for general care and nursing, but refused assistance so far as therapeutic assistance was concerned, relying on a provision of the German Social Welfare nursing would arise only where there was no person living in the household who could assist and care for the nationt to the extent

The plaintiff considered that provision to be discriminatory and

in proceedings concerning the plaintiff's application for legal aid to enable her to bring an action for damages against the sickness in-surance fund, the question arose whether the plaintiff, as the wife of an insured person who was in need of care, belonged to the working population within the meaning of article 2 of the

Article 2 provided: "This directive shall apply to the working population — including self-employed persons, workers and selfemployed persons whose activity is interrupted by illness, accident or involuntary unemployment and persons seeking employment — and to retired or invalided workers

and self-employed persons. In its judgment the Fifth Charnber of the European Court of The plaintiff did not deny that

she was not engaged in an occupa-tional activity when her husband suffered his accident, but she contended that she formed part of the working population as she provided care for which she had to undergo training and which, by virtue of its nature and scope, could be assimilated to an occupa-If she did not provide such care,

it would have to be provided by meone else against payment or in a hospital. The defendant and the German

and United Kingdom Governments considered, on the other hand, that the plaintiff was not a member of the working population as she was not engaged in an occupational activity before she started looking after her husband. Moreover, according to the Uni-ted Kingdom, a carer could not be regarded as a member of the working population merely because of the extent of the care

Although the concept of working consulation in article 2 was very wide, the directive did not apply to people who were not working or seeking work, or to persons whose occupation or efforts to find work were not interrupted by one of the risks referred to in article 3 of the directive see for example, Case C-31/90 Johnson v Chief Adjudica-tion Officer (1993) QB 252; [1991] ECR i-3723, paragraph 20). Also, a person who had given up his or her occupational activity in order to attend to the upbringing of his or her children did not fall within the scope of the directive: see Johnson paragraph 19.

It followed that the term "activity" referred to in relation to the expression "working population" in article 2 could be construed only as referring at the very least to an economic activity, that is, an activity undertaken in return for ation in the broad sense, It had to be recognised that a person might be obliged to have recourse to the services of another when he was unable or no longer

able to perform a particular activity himself, whether it was the education of children, housework, management of private property or mere incidents of daily life. In the main, such activities

called for a degree of competence, were of a certain scope; and had to be provided by an outsider in return for remuneration if there was no one else, whether or not a member of the family, who would do so without payment.

Viho Europe BV v Commis-

unit within which the subsidiaries did not enjoy real autonomy in determining their course of action in the market, but carried out the instructions issued to them by the parent company controlling them, the fact that the parent company's the fact that the parent company's policy of dividing national markets between its subsidiaries might produce effects capable of affecting the competitive position of third parties could not make article 85(1) of the EBC Treaty, which prohibited or effect the prevention of conpurporting to include within the concept of working population a member of a family who, without payment, undertook an activity for the benefit of another member of the family on the ground that such activity called for a degree of competence, was of a particular rre of scope or would have to be provided by an outsider in return the family in question did not provide it, would have the effect of infinitely extending the scope of the article 2 was precisely to delimit

On those grounds, the European

Article 2 of Directive 79/7 was to be interpreted as not covering a person who undertook, as an his or her handicapped spouse. Whatever the extent of that activity and the competence required in order to perform it, where the person in question did not, in order to do so, abandon an occupational activity or interrupt efforts to find employment.

Companies form single unit

sion of the European Communities (supported by Parker Pen Ltd, intervener) Where a company and its subsid-

iaries formed a single conomic ited agreements between under-

petition within the common market, applicable. The Sixth Chamber of the Court

of Justice of the European Communities so held on October 24 when dismissing an appeal by Viho Europe against the judgment of the Court of First Instance in Case T-102/92 Viho Europe v Commission (The Times January 31, 1995; [1995] ICR 1050; [1995] ECR

The court said that the Court of First instance was fully entitled to base its decision solely on the existence of a single economic unit in order to rule out the application of article 85(1) to the Parker group. However, the unilateral conducin question could fall under article 86 of the Treaty if the conditions for article, were fulfilled.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made to Parliament in the present Session by Westminster City Council for leave to introduce a Bill thereinafter referred to as "the Bill") under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise sum-

LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- To strengthen London borough councils' powers in relation to the prevention, investigation and enforcement of offences in relation to the claiming of benefits and other offences of fraud and to allow councils to share information and to request infor-mation from other bodies;
- 3) To make further provision for increased powers of enforcement by London borough councils in relation to the control of waste on land and in particular powers of enforcement over private streets and
- To make provision for London borough councils to assist film makers in the making of films including the closure of streets and open spaces, to enable councils to charge for services provided to film makers under the Act and for the use of any of their property and to require notice to be given of filming on certain land;
- and to require nance to be given of filming on certain land;
 To make provision amending various licensing enactments relating to music and entertainment, theatrest, chremas, night cases, near beer premises, special treatment premises, see establishments and door supervison, to provide that licensing conditions imposed by London boroughs should prevail over the conditions of fire certificates and regulations and to allow London boroughs to charge liess for their costs of enforcing conditions of consent for distribution of fire Restature.
- To make provision for the licensing of busking
- 7) To make provision for the establishment of business improvement districts and the making of charges for improvements where a requisite majority of businesses vote in favour of a trusiness improvement district being established;
- Improvement district being established;

 To amend the London Regional Transport Act 1984 to enable the existing coocessionary fares scheme to continue in circumstances where the reserve free travel scheme would have come into operation and to remove any obligation on London borough councils to replace concession permits, to make provision for the control of nusance caused by birds, to enable London boroughs to replace the police authority in respect of the control of school pedestrian constings, to provide that London boroughs are not placed under an obligation to take over maintenance and control of closed church-yards unless certain conditions are compiled with beforehand, to make provision relating to the offence of assault against a park keeper, to after the application of eligislation dealing with dangerous and neglected structures, to make provision for service of notices under the Highways Act 1980 on anything obstructing the highway, to alter the application of section 31 of the London County Council (General Powers) Act 1921 to provide that employees of the London local Authorities Act 1996 to allow enforcement of bus lanes provisions to be carried out only against the owner of a vehicle.

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to allow enforcement of bus lanes provisions as the united and against the owner of a vehicle.

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(3) To repeal provisions of the Halfsham Cattle Market Act.

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(1) To relieve the Company of its duty to provide and maintain a market.

(2) To amend provisions of the Hailsham Cattle Market Act 1871 to enable the Company to dispose of the whole or any part of its land or property.

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BAe back in hunt for £100bn fighter contract.

BRITISH AEROSPACE is planning a daring comeback to rejoin the doglight over the contract to build a £100 billion fighter jet for the next

The Joint Strike Fighter. jointly commissioned by the UK and US Governments. will have the invisibility to radar of the Stealth bomber and the vertical lift-off capability of the Harrier jump jet, making it 30 to 40 per cent better than existing jets.

BAe designed its version of the JSF in a joint venture with McDonnell Douglas, the American aircraft maker. But American defence chiefs last month rejected the bid because of difficulties with The rejection came as a shock and surprise to BAe

which was hoping to create thousands of UK jobs on the back of what is the biggest contract in aviation history. The Americans, who are in the driving seat, awarded \$1.1 the driving seat, awarded \$1.1 billion in development grants to two other American consortia. Boeing received \$662 million to build two JSF prototypes, the rest of the money went to Lockheed Martin. BAe is now locked in discussions with both consor-



could usefully contribute its expertise, particularly on the vertical lift-off capability which was pioneered by BAe

30 years ago. Defence insiders believe it is extremely likely that BAe will join one of the two

consortia because the Ministry of Defence is putting

pressure on the Americans to give a substantial share of the work to British companies. The Royal Navy will spend at least £130 million to buy the jet, and Rolls-Royce is

already destined to supply

A BAe spokesman said the

company had not given up hope on the JSF. He said: "We are still examining the situation." A Boeing spokesman said there was a "strong assumption" that BAe will join one of the two consortia.

BAe will have to make an informed choice over which of the two has a greater chance of winning. Lockheed Martin is currently seen as the frontrunner because of its experience in building America's top fighter jets.

Boeing is almost entirely focused on the civilian avia-tion market and defence analysts have suggested that Boeing might use its development grant to conduct aerodynamics studies which are easily transferable to its core activity. The design of Boeing's vertical lift-off system is closer to BAe's own Harrier

jump jet than Lockheed's. A further complication in the restructuring of the bids is that McDonnell Douglas BAe's former partner, wants to merge operations with Boeing. If this is given the green light by US regulators then co-operation on the JSF between the two may be likely. This could push BAe closer

Culture shock hits | Iraq prepares to expatriate workers resume oil exports

ABOUT a third of expatriate workers experience significant difficulties adapting to tife abroad, a survey has found. And weich of the fault lies with UK employers who for their new assignments. knitability, mood swings. and depression are among traits highlighted in the sur-

consuliant. Fewer than 20 per cent of managers interviewed had received cross-cultural training, while 50 per cent said their employers failed to support them properly. Elisabeth Marx, who conducted the research, says a change of approach could help companies to manage

tion, the executive recruitment

more effectively. Dr Marx said: "Managers and organisations have to think about the wider implications of an assignment abroad." Expatriate workers often

experience difficulties when they return from a foreign posting. David John, chair-man of BOC Group, said it was important to consider what would happen to an employee on his or her return. Many found themselves in a more junior post.

Mr John, who spent 15 years abroad with Inchcape until he stepped down jast December, said: "You've got to turn yourself into a good listener and have to live with ambiguity in the job. You should also think through the

By A Correspondent

OIL exports from Iraq under the United Nations sponsored oil-for-food deal resume early tomorrow for the first time in more than six years, the Iraqi authorities have announced.
Amir Muhammad

Rasheed, Iraq's Oil Minister, said that he expected the United Nations to present its final report today. In an interview on Iraqi state tele-vision. Mr Rasheed said that iraq would start exporting as soon as it received approval to fill storage tanks at the Turkish terminal of Ceyhan, and Iraqi exports would not exceed 650,000 barrels per day at

current prices.
Iraq last month accepted
UN conditions for oil exports worth \$2 billion every six and medicine for its sanctionshit civilian population. The deal is renewable. The limited exports, which

will be tightly supervised by the United Nations, will be Iraq's first since a ban on oil exports was imposed after trags investor of Kuwait in Mr Rasheed said that for-

eign firms were lining up to buy Iraqi oii. "Contracts are ready and complete, and the United Nations has agreed to them. We are not going to discuss the contracts. They are ready," he said.

An Iraqi oil official said that representatives from Elf Aquitaine of France and Japan's Mitsubishi were among the first to finalise deals to buy months to enable it to buy food Iraqi crude.

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Airtours heading into more profitable waters

AIRTOURS: The second-largest tour operator is expected to unveil a £21 million increase in pre-tax profits when it reports on Wednesday. The industry is still in shock after Airtours and Thomson, the UK's leading tour operators, were referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by the Office of Fair Trading last month for alleged anti-competitive behaviour. However, Merrill Lynch is forecasting full-year pre-tax profits of £80 million for Airtours, compared with £59 million last year. Wayne Sanderson, its leisure analyst. said the prospects for Airtours are good because consumer spending is forecast to rise by

1.4 per cent, to 4 per cent. The Airtours share price has not suffered as badly as that of its rival First Choice. The City is comforted by the 29.6 per cent stake held by Carnival Cruise Corporation, the US company, which is widely ex-pected to bid for Airtours in the medium term. David Cross-land, chairman of Airtours, has a seat on Carnival's board. He held the helm steady through 1995, the worst trading year for the travel industry for a decade. His experiment with cruising was an instant success, and Surwing and Carousel were operating at capacity for most

decline in profitability is not normally associated with the regional electricity companies but shareholders should brace themselves when the company unveils half-year figures on Thursday, Brokers like Nat-West Securities anticipate a drop in the pre-tax number, from £84.5 million to £70.8 million, with earnings per

share also down from 32.8p to 31.5p.
The setback is largely because of the implementation of the second distribution review. There is also expected to be a slowdown in achieving benefits from cost-cutting.

The company has already made it clear that any cash surpluses will be used for strengthening the business, so there are unlikely to be any special cash handbacks. Even so, a 14 per cent increase is expected in the half-year payout, with brokers looking for around 13p a share.

SCOTTISH HYDRO: Thursday's interim figures cover what is traditionally the quietest period of the year and are unlikely to set pulses racing. Pre-tax profits are expected to be up about £5.5 million, at £67 million, with earnings 11 per cent higher at 13.1p. But the real focus of attention will be on

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future plans. The group has already made it clear to the City that surplus funds of between £400 million and £500 million will be used to expand its generating and supply opera-tions. Only if it fails to find useful investments will the money be returned to shareholders in the form of a special dividend, or share buyback. Any increase in the interim dividend should reflect the increase in profits, with most brokers looking for a rise of about 9 per cent. to 5.2p.

YORKSHIRE ELECTRICITY: The focus of attention, when the group reports tomorrow, will be on shareholder value rather than its underlying performance. Pre-tax profits are expected to fall from £110.6 million to £86.1 million. Earnings a share will be down 6 per cent, at 42.4p. A share buyback may be the most likely outcome. It would enhance earnings and put the dividend cover back to a sensible level. Mean-time, shareholders can expect a healthy 34 per cent dividend

MFI: The upturn in the housing market and pick-up in

today, with brokers looking for a surge at the pre-tax level. from £21.6 million to £41.2 million. In September the group confirmed strong growth with sales during the first 21 weeks of the year up by 17 per cent. The strong pound will have benefited the group when translating against the mark, and raw material costs are also expected to have moved in the company's favour after two year's of adverse performance. Earnings a share are likely to have almost dou-

COMPASS: A strong surge in pre-tax profits is envisaged when full-year figures are reported tomorrow, but growth in earnings is likely to be much slower. NatWest Securities is forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits, from £73.2 million to £115.8 million, up by almost 60 per cent. But earnings are likely to grow by a more pedestrian 18 per cent, to 26.6p. The strength of sterling will be good for the group, which generates 75 per cent of profits overseas. But the business is no net level, leaving it increasingly

consumer sending should be vulnerable to rising interest rates. Shareholders should be rewarded with a 15 per cent increase in the payout, to 8.75p.

CHUBB: The maker of safes, locks and electronic security systems has disappointed the market with weak sales growth and eroding margins. However recent acquisitions, including MSS and the fire and security operations of James Hardie, are beginning to make their mark, while restructuring costs are coming down. NatWest Securities is calling for pre-tax profits of £45.6 million when Chubb reports its interim rebled, at 4.6p, while shareholdsults tomorrow up from £43.2 ers should be rewarded with a 17 per cent increase in the interim payout, to 1.75p. million last year.

NFC: The recovery at the logistics group continues to accelerate, and should be re-flected in full-year figures on Wednesday when pre-tax profits are expected to come out at £105 million, compared with £76.2 million last time. Earnings should also show a marked improvement of around 35 per cent, at 9.3p. Competition remains intense but profits growth will have been underpinned by increased efficiency, productivity gains and cost-cutting. The dividend is likely to be held at 7.1p.

MICHAEL CLARK



David Crossland, Airtours chairman, kept the helm steady in a difficult year

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Clarke's diary holds key to the week

ECONOMIC STATESON AND

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

peck at Kenneth A Clarke's diary fur-nishes many of the key events that will attract the financial markets' attention this week. Today the Chancel-lor is questioned by the Trea-sury and Civil Service Select Committee on the Budget. After the Governor of the Bank of England last week gave an apparently relaxed view of the need to raise base rates, the markets will be eager to see what light on this question will be shed by Mr Clarke. William Waldegrave, . sury, testifies tomorrow.

On Wednesday the focus in the morning will be the monetary meeting to see whether base rates are raised. Later Mr Clarke opens a two-day debate in Parliament on Europe. On Thursday the Chancellor goes to Dublin for a crucial meeting of European finance ministers, followed on Friday and Saturday by the European Council meeting, dubbed the Dublin Summit. On Thursday the regular France's council may gain attention given recent talk about the franc-mark exchange rate.

Among key British statistical releases this week are November producer prices today further easing in the rates of input and output price infla-tion. Output price inflation is expected to slide to 2.1 per cent. from 23 per cent in October while input prices are predicted, according to the market consensus from MMS Interdown year on year compared

with 2 per cent previously.
On Thursday Novembe retail prices figures are expected to show key measures of inflation unchanged from October. Headline inflation is cent, underlying inflation at 3.3 per cent and RPIY excluding mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes at 3 per cent. December's
 CBI industrial trends survey is also published:



Clarke: European debate



George: relaxed view

TODAY

Interims: Carclo Engineering, Drummond Group, Ideal Hardware, Jarvis (O3), Leopold Joseph, Mulberry Group, TR Far East Income. Finals: API Group, Dwyer Estates, Electronic Data Processing, Firth Risson, Reed Executive, Simme, (Indian, Economic statistics: UK

TOMORROW

Interims: Alba, Anglian Group, Berteley Group, British Land, BSS Group, Capital For Companies VCT, Chubb Security, Drummond Group, Haima, Hill Hire, Precoat International, John Tams Group, Theo Fennel, Total Systems, Tried Group, Viech Holdings, Finals: Alders, Celhech Group, Compass Group, Holmes & Marchant, Hozelock Group, Leeds Group, Sage Group, Waterfall Holdings, Whessoe, Economic statistics: UK October new construction orders, wnessoe, Economic saustica: OA October new construction orders, UK BRC November retail sales sur-vey, US Q3 current account bal-ance, National Association of Durchesia Magnetics semi-arrusal Purchasing Managers semi-annual economic forecast.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: WS Atkins, Bristol Weter Holdings, David S Smith, First Tech-nology, Greene King, Finals: Artours, Appollo Metals, Avon Rub-

ber, NFC, John Swan & Son, Sep Industrial Holdings. Economic statistics: US November producer prices index. French November prelatinary consumer prices index, UK monthly monetary meeting be-tween the Governor of the Bank-of England and the Chancellor, Japan October current account balance.

THURSDAY

Interims: DC Cock Holdings, Fine Art Developments, Harvey Nicholis Group, London Electricity, MS International, Phonelink, Relience Security, Scottish Hydro-Electric, Weinhomes, Finels: Baggeridge Brick, Care UK, Countryside Properties, Daily Istali & General Trust, Dunedin Smaller Companies, Dunedin Smaller Companies, Graenalls Group, M&G Group, Economic statistics: Graenaire circup, need croop, some nomic statistics: UK November retail prices index UK December CBI industrial trends survey. US weekly jobless claims, US November consumer prices in-

FRIDAY

Interims: Moorgate Smaller, TR Technology. Finals: Bankers investment: Trust, Grainger Trust, Moorgate Smaller Companies in-come Trust. Economic statistics: European Council meeting in Dub-lin, French September current ac-

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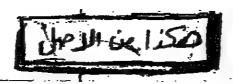
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Moving markets: Patrick Queen, operations manager, left, and Charles Parsons, finance director of Britannic, the timber company, which is to join the AIM from the Ofex market on Wednesday, with a price-tag of £11.8 million.

Labour training scheme to be spelt out in detail

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

DETAILS of Labour's planned University for Industry (Uff) will be set out tomorrow. The party wants a business-based approach to lifetime learning and universal opportunities for continuing training.

The scheme has been worked out in close consultation with Gordon Brown, the Shadow Charcellor, who first proposed it. The party wants to show that a Ufl would be more than a vague concept with little practical application.

Labour leaders see the UfI as a parallel move to the establishment in the 1960s of the Open University - an initiative that captured the public imagination and com-

manded considerable support. While the party has not yet put detailed flesh on the bones of the Ufl idea, the Institute for Public Policy Research -- a think-tank close to Tony Blair, the Labour leader tomorrow set out lifetime learning proposals that will use the Uff to improve the skill base of the British economy.

Beforehand, the institute's own report on the idea will suggest that a Ufl should not be a new institution that competes with other training and education providers. It wants a "national catalyst" to bring together a range of information currently dispersed across different companies and educational bodies, with the aim

of reaching mass audiences at a low cost. The institute's report has been drawn up in consultation

and business training figures. It will suggest that the Ufl should act as the hub of a national learning network - a broker of training products and services branded under its own name. People should be able to use the Ufl by Internet. post or audiovisual means, accessing it from workplaces, home or convenient local centres, such as libraries, shopping centres and schools.

The institute's report will

public training expenditure, or from the Government's Private Finance Initiative. The IPPR will quote CBI estimates that annual training spending amounts to £41 bil-

that these could be met by

reallocating some existing

uals. It will also suggest that the cost of courses could be met by employers and individuals, or through measures such as Labour's proposed

AIM keeps its nerve

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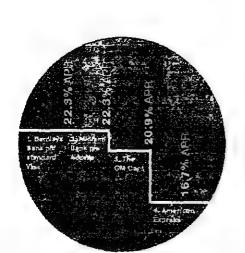
BY FRASER NELSON

THE Alternative Investment Market kept its head on Friday, while all around it were losing theirs. As the FT-SE 100 suffered its biggest loss since Britain's ERM exit. the FT-SE AIM index held firm at 1,034.50.

lts performance furthe ed the old taunt that when Wall Street sneezes and will completely collapse. Its prospects were lifted last week as post-budget sums showed the shares of 30 AIM stocks qualify for tax relief. Ask Central, Pan Andean Resources and Scruttons are among those expected to be Revenue under the new rules. However, some of AIM's

Clubpartners falling from 13 p to 11 p after Peel Hunt quit as its nominated adviser and broker. Just Group closed ip easier, at 2p, while First information dropped 4p, to 8 p. Crown Products dropped 12p, to 21 p, after a profits warning. But Trocadero, Celtic and IOC Interna-

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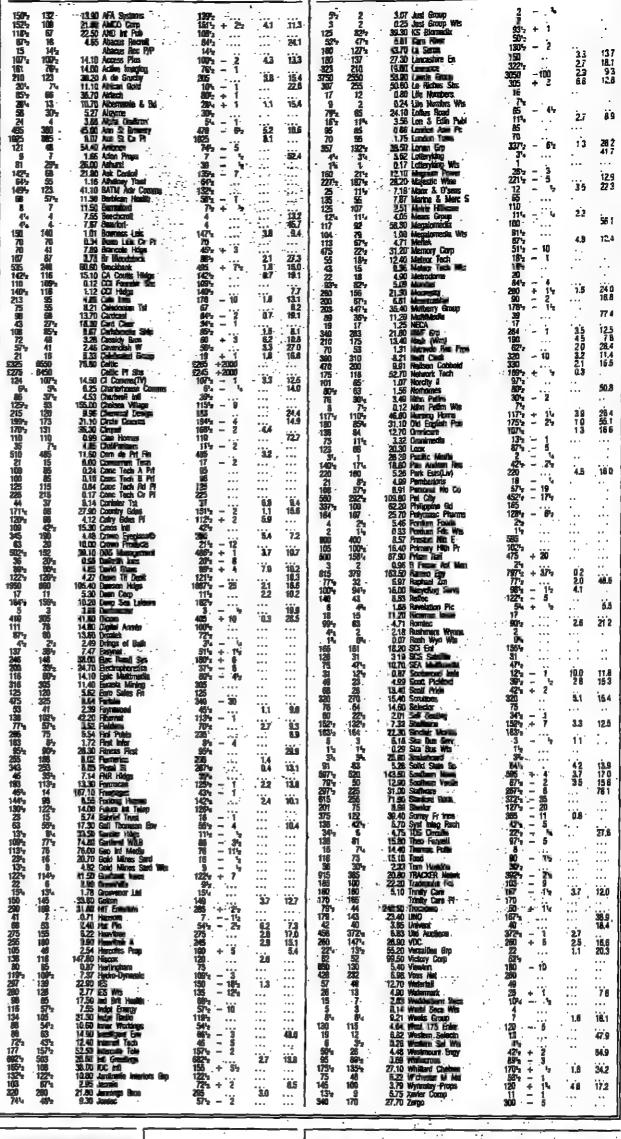
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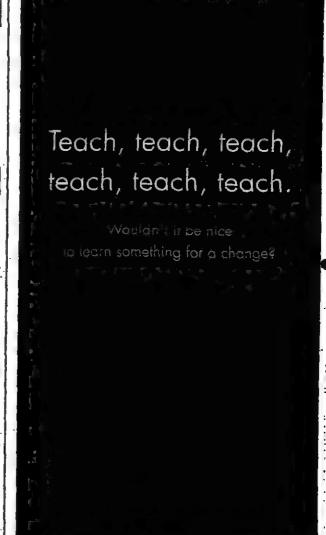
(a) To weaken, degrade or spoil. The impact of the Duke's moving address to the Conservation Society on the preservation of wild life was vitiated by the circulation to members beforehand of a news report detailing the great number of birds shot by the Duke during a sporting visit to the Highlands."

(c) A polecut, or kind of carnivorous weasel, whether semi-house-trained or not, as Healey described Tebbit. Described by the OED as fetid. CARBUNCUE

(c) Before penicilian, a carbundle was a larger-than-life abscess. But originally a carbundle was a large red stone. In Comm. Doyle's The Blue Carbundle Sherlock Holmes describes the Countess of Morcar's famous gen as being "remarkable in laving every characteristic of the carbundle, save that it is blue in shade, instead of red." This is as odd as saying that something has every characteristic of water, except that it is dry. NEFANDOUS

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BUSINESS NEWS

Liverpool millennium project under fire from Walton Group

PROPERTY developer is urging The Millennium Commission to reject an £80 million media and telecommunications project in the centre of Liverpool, claiming it will block another scheme that would create 6,000 jobs in the area. Walton Group is proposing a rival £150 million development, building an

800,000 sq ft shopping and media

executive of the commission, saying that a decision to grant the request for £24.6 million of Lottery funding for the Discovery Centre would kill off the Walton project.

next to the Albert Dock in central Liverpool. Walton's solicitors, Bermans, wrote to Jennifer Page, chief Development Corporation as well as

£40 million of private-sector finance. The project has been put together by the Anglican Dean of Liverpool and will include a media factory, a technol-Walton project.

The commission will decide on shops. Liverpool City Council, which wednesday whether to back the Dis-

to the Discovery project for just £3 at the end of last month, Bermans says: million, a fifth of the price Walton had "It is expected that the scheme will said it would pay.

Walton says that Liverpool City Council had previously agreed to its offer of £15 million plus £1 million expenses for the site on which Walton is proposing to build an upmarket shopping centre along with media, education and leisure facilities.

In the letter to the commission, sent

create more than 6,000 new jobs in the area, which has been confirmed by independent experts."

independent experts.

The move by Walton has angered Liverpool City Council. "The council has taken a clear policy decision," said Alasdair Macdonald, deputy director of development at the council. "Walton is destructively getting at the Millenni-

um project." Mr Macdonald said it was not certain that Walton's development would be given the go-ahead even if the commission rejected funding for the Discovery Centre.

The Millennium Commission said that a decision is due to be made at a board meeting on Wednesday. "We take account of all local views before deciding on whether to back a project,"

Budget has failed to convince managers

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S managers expect interest rates to rise again before the general election and are sceptical about the value of the Budget to the UK economy, new evidence shows today.

The findings of the latest opinion survey of Britain's managers are almost uniformly dismissive about the recent Budget from Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, with most not only doubtful that they will be better off as a result, but suggesting that the Budget's tax cuts will push up inflation.

The study by the Institute of Management is the first significant test of business opinion since the Budget. A sample of more than 300 of the institute's members was questioned imm-

Reuters

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cash return

Reuters, the financial in-

formation group, denied

weekend reports that it has

shelved plans to return some of its near-£1 billion

cash pile to shareholders.

An earlier plan to pay back

£613 million through spe-cial dividend shares was

stymied by tax changes in

thought to be waiting for

Finance Bill changes be-fore deciding whether to

renew the attempt. As

there is no concrete plan to

return value to sharehold-

ers, a suggestion that it had been abandoned was

"completely without four-

dation", the company said.

Most wage deals in the

engineering industry in

the quarter to October

were for 3 per cent or less,

according to a survey of 142 firms by the Engineer-

ing Employers' Federa-tion. October was the first

month for nearly three

years in which no pay freezes were reported.

TR deadline Investors in the TR Technology split capital investment trust have until

agreed to swap.

3% rises

ediately after last month's Budget, with 72 per cent saying they expect interest rates to rise again before the election. Three fifths do not believe that the Chancellor's tax cuts were justified, and more than half said that the reductions make an increase in inflation more likely.

Three fifths of those sampled are doubtful that the Budget will increase business investment, with 53 per cent suggesting that the Budget focused on short-term political issues rather than the economy in the long term.

Managers do not believe in

the Government's forecasts about the economy, as laid out in the Budget, and do not believe they will personally benefit from its measures.

Meanwhile, 69 per cent do not believe that the Government will achieve its target of a 7 per cent cut in spending, and more than half doubt that the Government will hit its 2.5 per cent inflation target next year. Two fifths are sceptical about the Government's growth target.

On personal benefits, 71 per cent of managers surveyed, representing more than 73,000 individual managers at all levels in British companies as well as 700 corporate mem-bers, say they have not gained at all in the Budget. A quarter believe they will be worse off.

Roger Young, the Institute of Management's directorgeneral, says: "Managers do not share the Chancellor's breezy confidence about the UK economy. A shiver runs. up their spines as they face the chilling prospect of rising interest rates and inflation. They believe the risks taken could blow away any rewards generated by the Budget."
On small business, the

Chancellor's proposals to ease the impact on small firms of the uniform business rate are the only measures to find favour. Three quarters of managers in small firms do not believe the increase in VAT thresholds will benefit their



New toys: John Swingewood, broadcast services manager at British Telecom, which is paying £6 million for a further 15 transportable earth stations. The mobile satellite stations are used to boost television signals to studios

Pearson buys stake in South African papers

PEARSON, owner of the Financial Times, is to announce today that it has entered the South African newspaper market with purchases worth about £11.5 million.

It is buying 50 per cent of Business Day and an equal share of the Financial Mail. a weekly, from Times Media, a South African publishing and TV group. The former has a circulation of 40,200; the latter 31.100. Pearson said the Financial Times will help the two titles to expand in their home markets and develop their international coverage. Pearson is forming a company called African Business

Media to hold its interest in the newspapers. A TV com-pany called the African Business Channel, which produces a nightly business news programme, will become part of the company. It is currently owned by a partnership be-tween Times Media and the Financial Times's TV division. Scarding: expected to sell

Pearson said the acquisition will be completed by the end of the month and will enhance earnings from the outset.

The purchase is apparently part of Pearson's new strategy of concentrating on publishing tional markets. The company. whose businesses include Madame Tussaud's, the wax mu-



seum, Mindscape, the ailing electronic games maker, and half the Lazards investment bank, has been criticised for fighting on too many fronts. Some of these "misfits", as HSBC James Capel, the bro-ker, has called them, are ex-

pected to be sold after Marjorie Scardino, chief executive of the Economist, becomes chief executive of Pearson in January. taking over from Frank Barlow, group managing director. Pearson is fond of financial newspapers because of their niche protection - they tend to

have few competitors - and because they are able to spawn specialist online and interactive services. Its financial newspaper portfolio includes Les Echos in France, Expansion in Spain, Financial Times Izvestia in Russia and 20 per cent of The Financial Post in Canada. A formight ago Pearson

paid \$336 million for Putnam Berkley, the US publisher.

Victory for German metal union

BY OLIVER AUGUST

GERMAN employers yesterday caved in to the demands of strike-happy metal workers over a 20 per cent sick pay cut. Provisions for the cut, made in a new law, will not be imple-mented although the loss-making metal industry is Employers had taken a hard line in failed national and regional pay talks to enforce the cuts. However, the powerful IG Metall union replied with strikes, drawing tens of thousands, to keep sick pay in line with full wages. Werner Stumpfe, the employers' negotiator, said that

the deal failed to meet the goal of cutting costs, but no other outcome had been possible. IG Metall said that all-out strikes were possible next year if deals are not made nationwide protecting full sick pay. Under former law, overtime work counted towards sick pay, and sick workers could receive more than those working normal hours.

UK bonds beginning to look good

erally been the year of Italian and Spanish bonds, to name but two, have outperformed bunds. The gilt market has been a notable exception. In the past year, the spread between gilts and bunds has widened substantially. One reason may have been reassessment of which countries are likely to take part in the first round of EMU. In addition, macroeconomic developments in the UK have not been favourable. Growth has risen and inflation has been disappointing. The annual rise in RPIX is likely to be 3.25 per cent in the fourth quarter, half a percentage point above the market expecta-tion at the start of the year. Also, the 1996-97 PSBR has not fallen as much as projected in last year's Budget.

Sterling, in contrast to gilts' underperiormance, has increased in strength the recent

fective index was 14 per cent above the level at the beginning of the year. This has happened at a time when interest rate expectations have been revised up and the current account has unexpectedly improved. In addition, the dollar strength has provided a favourable back-

peak of the

pound's ef-

ground for sterling. It has not been all bad news for gilts. The combination of currency strength and higher yields has tempted foreign investors into the gilt market. Recent Bank of England data shows that the overseas purthe largest since records began. This is an acceleration of the general trend; the overseas sector has been a net buyer of gilts in every month

of 1996, except one.

This trend could easily be sped up in coming months by Japanese capital flows. The background is that Japanese institutions have guaranteed higher returns to investors than are currently offered by Japanese government bond (JGB) yields. This will encourage capital to flow out of Japan in search of higher yield, especially at a time when the JGB market is looking increasingly vulnerable. In addition, the weakness of the yen in recent months

less wary of exchange rate risk. A shift of only I per cent in total Japanese securities holding by the main institu-tional investor base towards overseas markets would amount to \$40 billion. The primary beneficiaries of this will be treasuries and bunds, but gilts are also likely to be of interest, with about 20 per cent likely to be focused in

non-core currencies. The main risk for internat-ional investors would be fresh currency weakness, which could be triggered if monetary policy were not tight-ened as much as the market expects. This is not a big threat. Admittedly, rates are unlikely to be raised aggressively before a general election. The Chancellor, in his Budget, said he was tighten-ing fiscal policy now to ease the risk of having to tighten monetary policy. However, in mid-1997, growth will clearly be above

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ection will need to tighten monetary policy. Expectations of higher rates at the end of 1997 are likely to keep sterling strong next year.

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Foreign buying is unlikely to be sufficient to trigger a major rally in gilts immediately. The very combination of strong growth and stub-born inflation that is making the market expect higher rates and keeping the currency strong will prevent substantial spread narrowing before the general election. Also, political uncertainly continues to dog the market.

T owever, overseas interest should pre-vent significant widening beyond the current level. Also, the very fact that gilts have not benefited from EMU-inspired convergence trades makes them less vulnerable to disappointment if expectations of monetary union unwind.

With spreads unlikely to widen further, the higher return offered by gilts is beginning to make them a valuable investment.

> KATY PETERS AND SANJAY JOSHI Daiwa Europe

Greenwood on the cards Bid report goes to Lang

3pm tomorrow to roll STUART GREENWOOD, over into the new Henthe former finance director of derson Technology Trust. Spring Ram, is set to take a Holders of 54.3 per cent of higher business profile after TR ordinary shares have the acquisition by The Greeting Store Group, the com-pany he now runs, of Strand Libraries, the greetings card WTO summit World Trade Organisation retailer.

ministers begin their inaugural five-day meeting in Singapore today, with cus-toms modernisation and Strand, the fourth-largest greetings card retailer in the UK, went into administration in May, owing more than £7 cross-border investment million and with sufficient top of the agenda, accordcash flow to continue trading ing to business leaders. during the summer - tradi-

> IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 15th November, 1996 presented to Her Majoray's High Court of fusive for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from 1300,000,000 to 100 one of the

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard

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By Sarah Cunningham

tionally a loss-making period. Arthur Andersen, the company's administrators, has since sold 15 of Strand's worst performing stores and returned the company to solvency. In the year to April, the company made a £500,000 loss on turnover of £31.5

The privately owned Just in time for the busy Christmas period, the Greeting Store Group agreed on Friday — after approval in the High Court's of the refinance ing package for Strand prepared by Arthur Andersen -

to buy Strand's remaining 74

The Greeting Store Group already has a chain of 36 stores. Under the deal, it will pay off all of Strand's creditors in full. The main creditor, apart from landlords, is Hallmark, the greetings card manufacturer.
Mr Greenwood left Spring

Ram, the ailing bathroom equipment manufacturer, in 1993, the first of a string of directors to quit the company as it sank further into financial difficulties.

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission will today pass to the Department of Trade and Industry a report on yet another politically sensitive takeover battle in the utilities sector - the attempt by two French companies to wrest control of Mid Kent Holdings, the supplier of water to 530,000

customers in Kent. Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, will consider the commission's findings before giving a final ruling on whether a bid should be allowed next month. The two

French companies, General Utilities and SAUR, have not yet put a formal takeover offer on the table, pending clear-ance from Mr Lang, but an offer valuing the company at more than E75 million is expected if one is allowed.

The French, who have holdings totalling 39 per cent in Mid Kent, first made a hostile offer a year ago. Their joint bid for Mid Kent was referred to the MMC early in the summer, and the two have been at loggerheads with the water company over the

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latter's allegations that customers would suffer if a takeover is allowed.

Geoff Baldwin, chief execu-

tive of Mid Kent, claimed yesterday that hosepipe bans would be brought forward by a bid. The two French groups already own South East Water and Folkestone and Dover Water, two water supply com-panies which adjoin Mid Kent, "South East Water has had hosepipe restrictions in force for more than a year," said Mr Baldwin. "There is no public

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Institutions courted for £50m rights

Wickes seeks fresh start

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

THE MANAGEMENT OF Wickes, the scandal-hit DIY chain, is to hold a final round of meetings with institutional shareholders early this week in an effort to persuade them to support a £50 million rights issue, set to be launched on

Thursday. Some institutional investors are concerned that the company, whose former senior management is under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office, has increased the amount it wants to raise from £30 million.

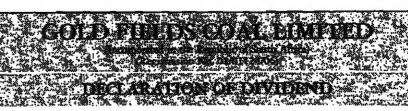
One fund manager, who is due to meet Wickes's managers this week, said: "We are all still in the dark, and need to hear what Wickes have to say low trading in Wickes shares,



before we take any decisions." The Wickes management began visits to institutional investors last week. The recapitalisation will al-

It could also trigger a bidding war. The suspension came after accounting irregularities were uncovered at the Wickes has since disclosed that there had been "deliberate misrepresentation" of rebate arrangements with suppliers. The SFO said last month that it had begun an inquiry into the activities of former senior managers.

The prospectus, which advisers hope to be able to release on Thursday, will include a restatement of 1995 profits and interim results for this year. The information could spur a bid for Wickes. Companies thought to be possible suitors are RMC and Kinglisher, owner of B&Q.



The company has declared a final dividend No. 167 of 110 cents per ordinary share in South African currency, payable to members registered in the books of the company at the close of business

Dividends will be electronically transferred to members' bank or building society accounts on 5 February 1997 at, where this method of payment has not been mandated, dividend warrants will be posted to

members on 4 February 1997. Scandard conditions relating to the payment of dividends are obtainable at the share transfer offices and the London Office of the company.

The register of members will be closed from 28 December 1996 to 3 January 1997, inclusive.

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Baby boomers face picking up the bill for US budget deficit

Not everyone accepts need

to balance the books.

says Bronwen Maddox

the turmoil on world stock markets after Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Bank chairman, criticised Wall Street's "irrational exuberance" on Thursday, meant that his remarks the next day on the looming US budget crisis went unheard. In a speech in Philadelphia Mr Greenspan said that America's social security system was heading for bankruptcy if taxes were not raised or benefits slashed, "Clearly, something has to give - the question is what", he said.

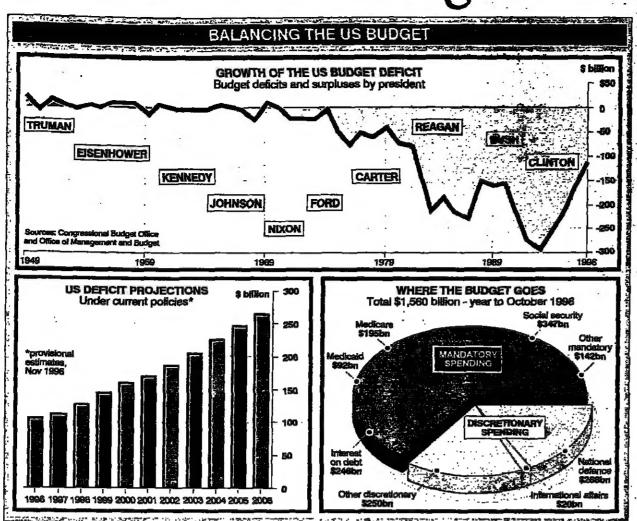
That comment has more implications for the long-term buoyancy of Wall Street than his tart observation about the markets' frothiness. Social secproblem of the US budget deficit, the gap between government annual income and spending, which threatens to push up national debt and interest rates, choking economic growth. President Clinton has said that making progress on balancing the budget is the highest priority of his second term, and the Republican-conan amendment to the US con-

stitution forcing him to do so. Yet, neither Mr Clinton nor Congress has come up with a plausible plan for how to trim the deficit. For a good reason: solutions mean radically rewriting the financial contract that US citizens have come to believe that they have with their Government. In particular, it means telling the generation that has grown up since the Second World War, middleclass baby boomers like Mr Clinton himself, that they are going to be much poorer than

they expected.

There are few more electorally unpalatable messages a politician can deliver. But as Mr Greenspan said, the greater the eventual tax inreases, or more likely, the cuts in benefits.

The idea that balancing the budget is a pressing task is not accepted by many US econom-ists and political commentators. They have a point, in theory. The deficit is just an accounting number; there is no simple relationship with the economy's growth or people's level of income. It is quite reasonable for governments to borrow at periods in the economic cycle to finance investment,



provided that the debt can be repaid out of future income. As the chart shows, there has not been a US budget surplus since 1969, in a budget proposed by President Nixon and inherited by President Ford. Critics of budget balancing

are also right to complain that the delicit has taken on a symbolic importance in Americans' minds for dubious reasons; people regard it as a sign of whether the Government is out of control, rather than as one economic indicator among many. That confusion has led to the clumsy attempt to use the US constitution to specify details of fiscal policy.

All the same, there is a good reason to think that at this point the deficit should be cut sharpiy. For a start, as David Hale, an influential economic commentator based in Chicago, points out: "At this point in the business cycle we should

Robert Reischauer, the former director of the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, goes further: "We should be running a surplus now, not just because of the business cycle, but because of the stage we're at in the demographic cycle."

The core of the problem is that in the second and third decades of the next century. when the baby boom genera-

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income will fall short of the amounts needed for social security and Medicare, the programme of medical care for the elderly, as well as for welfare programmes such as Medicuid. On social security alone, Mr Greenspan noted on Friday, funds are due to run out by 2029 and reach a shortfall of "a staggering \$3 trillion" by 2070.

If steps are not taken soon, taxes will soar in those decades or the framework of benefits will collapse. Mr Clinton, who says that his second term will be dedicated to meeting that

the economy's recent strengti Projections of the deficit to 2006 (shown in the chart) have been revised downwards by roughly a third since the summer as economic growth has boosted tax revenues and squeezed unemployment benefits.

he will bring a balanced budget closer. His campaign promise to preserve Medicare, Medicaid, education and environmental programmes implied that the burden of cuts would



Alan Greenspan and Bill Clinton say the deficit needs tackling

fall on non-defence discretion This category includes many programmes that are essentially corporate subsidies, such as

them, akhough special interest groups will light passionately But he has so far failed to produce a coherent plan of how

programmes, makes up only a sixth of the total budget. If the budget were to be balanced purely by cuts in this area, the role of the federal government in the economy would fall back to the same level as the beginning of the 1950s, a reversal voters are unlikely to support. Some policy advisers suggest taking advantage of last week's revelation that inflation has been miscalculated for the past two decades, using this as a way to reduce index-linked payments such as social security. But other advisers point out that voters would spot this as a cut in benefits.

small business and export pro-

motion and energy research. Mr Clinton may be able to trim

for their preservation. But this

category, which also includes

the Coast Guard, national

parks and some educational

In practice, the savings that Mr Clinton is likely to scrape together, after fierce political battles, may appear to support his claim that the deficit is heading for zero by 2002. But they will not be on a scale to stop it gaping open again after 2010. Despite Mr Clinton's promises, most models suggest that the necessary cuts will eventually have to come from

A federal advisory panel which has been studying the social security funding problem for two years has been sharply divided over the best way forward. Part of the panel believes in a solution that has been dubbed a "magic wand" - investing social security funds in the stock market rather than government bonds in the hope that they will yield higher returns. But other panel members accept that cuts in entitlements are almost inevitable. That has led them to explore a plan that has until now been taboo: requiring people to put money aside for

Despite the US's culture of private enterprise, and provision of a safety net that is skimpy compared with that in many European countries. there is enormous public resistance to the idea of privatising state benefits. Yet, many government advisers state bluntly that unless baby boomers begin to save more, their expectations of retirement will be severely disappointed.

As Mr Reischauer says: Most 40-year-old Americans. asked how are you going to live in retirement? look around at their parents and say like that'. They don't understand the very peculiar circumstances which have allowed their parents to live as well as they do, in particular the huge appreciaion in the value of housing." The parents of baby boomers, many of whom grew up during recession when public health and pension schemes were scanty, saved "too much" they put by money for their old age, and then were showered with bounty by government

What is more, many baby boomers have suffered divorces, which tend to be financially ruinous. Remarriage or late marriage mean that many have children in college when they are in their sixties; in contrast, they left their parents' homes when they were in their twenties or teens.

Warnings Greenspan are unlikely to be enough to persuade politicians, working to a four-year horizon, to cut public spending or raise taxes by enough to head off the next century's crisis in federal entitlements It has never been easy to persuade people working now to pay more for the benefit of future generations, as voters' reluctance to pay for environ-

mental preservation shows. It is possible, however, that his warnings might jolt people into saving more of their income to protect themselves in the future. Baby boomers might start to make amends on their own behalf for the near-certainty that politicians will not grapple with the crisis until it is upon them.

Ecology for everyone

lames Wilson presents this five-part series about the customs and James Wilson presents this five-part series about the customs and folklore of the Immu, indigenous to the Labrador/Quebec peninsula in northeast Canada. It is what he says, certainly not the rather lacklustre way he says it, that makes his series a fine example of popular ecology. Contemporary opinion, based on European concepts of cultural development, is that this linde-known nation of hunters is an anachronism. "Stone Age Artic nomads," is how one Canadian; television commentator dismissed them just a couple of years ago. But Wilson says the Innu see themselves very differently—as part of a sacred reality in which animals, human beings and land are joyfully intertwined.

The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

Shocks follow on each others' heels so closely in part two of Elizabeth Proud's play sequence about Edward (Christopher Cazenove) and Proud's play sequence about Edward (Christopher Cazentee) and Mrs Simpson (Stockard Chaming) that, in what seems less than a wink after HRH is telling the notorious American that she must miss central heating in London, she is admonishing him not to eat with his fingers like a naughty boy. And while hustoned Ernest is dozing off in a nightchub, his spouse and the Prince are gliding across the dancefloor to the time of Tea for Two. Popular songs of the day are used throughout the play like punctuation marks. Portentously, they include Let's Face the Music and Dance.

Peter Davalle

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more Christmas carols performed by British amaleur choirs. Esternazy Singers under Nicholas Bannan. William Billings (A Virgin Unspotted); Gruber (Stient Night); Jeremiah Ingalis (Glory to God on high) biloming Collection. Ressini (Overture: Semiramide); Refice (Ombra di Nube); Dvořák (Callo Concerto in B. minor

minor Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines Includes Schumann (Kinderszenen); Bizet (Chant d'Amour); Ray Cizigane; Enesco (Romanien Rhapsody No 2; Schubert (String Trio in B flat, Allegro); Berlioz (La Monts d'Ophelie); Bruckner (String Quintet in F.

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4.38 The Beritone Sexophone, with John Surman 5.90 The Music Machine, Tommy Pearson begins a week of interviews with celebrity guests. Today, he talks to conductor and planist André

candusor and planist Andre Previn

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Lynne Walter sees a new production of Lady Windermare's Fan at the Royal Exchange in Manchester

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Trekkers' pain and 'pleasure'

TROUBLED "trekkers", distraught at hearing that last weekend's Star Trek Christ-mas Sci-Fi Special at Wembley Arena had been cancelled, were offered the sultry sounds of a sex line.

Hapless Wembley Arena sent out a release outlining the change of plans with the wrong number for Eye Communications at its tail end. Instead of reaching the public relations company. callers were put through to a softly spoken female voice. "Congratulations, you have reached a higher plane of pleasure. We are not available to take your call right now, but if you would like to leave any intimate thoughts with Melanie, Belinda, or Heidi, please leave your name ... please don't be scared off by the beeps, our line is never

Talking it up

SIR lain Vallance, chairman of BT, ought to be delighted with the outcome of last week's Oxford Union debate, which the company sponsored. Peter Settelen, acclaimed speech coach, and Julia Cole, agony aunt and spokeswoman for Relate, proposed the winning mo-tion "It's Good to Talk". Speaking for the opposition were Aric Sigman, psychologist and broadcaster, and Stephen Burgen, a journalist Maureen Lipman, the actress and former face of the BT advertisements, summed up the motion and announced it carried by 91

votes. She said: "We need informed talk in the classroom, combative talk in the home, sweet talk in the bedroom, revolutionary talk on campus, and no talk in the cinema." Yes, but what about the boardroom?

Rival's role

STAFF at the opening of the Litten Tree pub, which claims to be the largest watering hole to hit Wandsworth, were a little taken aback by their first customer. It was Pat Read, managing director of Youngs a rival brewery, who had wandered round the corner for a thirst-quenching pint. Tony Hill, managing director of Surrey Free Inns, owner of the Litten Tree, took it all in . his strice, and invited Reed to pull the first trial.

Clubbing time FOLLOWING my reports on

the Berkeley Playhouse, London's first table dancing club. I receive a call from Peter Stringfellow. He tells me that the club in Dover Street, currently looking for investors, doesn't yet have a licence. What's more, Stringfollow let slip that he is also planning to open his own club in Mayhur, not a million miles away from the Berkeley Playhouse site. Angels of Mayfair is scheduled to open for ogling by April next year. Meanwise, John Paul, own-



Maureen Lipman amounced the motion was carried

er of Berkeley Playhouse assures me that Westminster City Council has issued him with a licence.

Memory lane

TOM HUNTER, managing

director of Sports Division was reliving memories of his childhood at the weekend. Along with board members from the sports chain that recently took over Olympus, he put in a day's work on the shopfloor. Brian McCluskey, finance director, and Ian Grabina, commercial director. joined Hunter at the Oxford Street store. All three travelled from Scotland, staying overnight at an hotel, to work from 9 until 6 on Saturday evening. The practice has been standard since Sports Division started ten years ago with 40 stores. Decked out in a tracksuit and baseball cap, Hunter recalled helping his father in the family grocery shop from the age of five.

It's a lockout

ON AN institutional visit to the Allied Colloids chemicals plant in Bradford, James Dean, on specialist sales at James Capel, locked himself out of his hotel bedroom. Wandering into the corridor in the middle of the night, he heard the door lock behind him. Weaving his way along the corridor, dressed in boxer shorts. Dean panicked and set off an alarm. Hotel staff came to his rescue, somewhat be mused as to why he was wandering through the hall and not tucked up in his bed.

MORAG PRESTON

Seventeen sex scenes, give or take a couple

uite where it was I first learnt there were 17 sex scenes in ITV's version of Moll Flanders 1 forget now. Given the avalanche of titillating publicity that preceded Andrew Davies's adaptation, it could have been anywhere. But wherever it was, I wish I had never smacked eyes on the miserable

No sooner has Jim Parker's deeply unimaginative theme music begun, than I am there - a pathetic figure struggling in vain to keep the score. After last night's third instalment I make it - with absolutely no confidence at all - 11 down, six to go.

This unimpressive lack of precision stems from my own uncertainty as to what constitutes a sex scene. The general principles I am familiar with (that's what comes of watching too much television) but some of the subtleties are still causing me problems.

second helpings count twice and, for that matter, do fully clothedcouplings count at all? Answer no to both and our tally could be as low as nine and tonight's concluding episode should be a busy one. Answer yes, however, and if clergymen fulminating lasciviously over the sins of the flesh also count, then we're already up to 13 and it's pretty much all over, bar the lesbian interpolation.

This sort of highly technical analysis has kept me busy, so busy in fact that it has taken all of three episodes for a different truth to dawn on my distracted brain — that Moll Flanders is, er . . : rather bad. I don't mean Alex Kingston is rather bad - she has been wonderful as Moll — and should collect a host of awards including Best Eyebrows (a close contest with Frances Barber as Princess Radziwill in Rhodes and Best Topless Asides to Camera (unless

Christmas holds some real surprises, a certainty).

But nearly everybody else from Diana Rigg down, as my colleague Lynne Truss pointed out last week - has fallen short of the expected mark. They have not been helped by a production that combines 17th-century authenticity on the wardrobe front (bonnets from hell for the women, fright wigs for the men) with a very 20th-century delivery of the words. "Leave it, Selina," snapped the normally splendid Daniel Craig, as he drawled his way through the part of Jemmy Seagrave.

Tar more culpable, however, is Davies's screenplay, which while being undeniably amusing, has chased cheap laughs at every opportunity (witness Moll's confession and the preposterous clergyman she met on the coach) and normally cheap, 20th-century laughs at that. The

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result, at times, has been not so much a romp as a pantomime, So, having established that, it's back to keeping the score. Does anybody know if gratuious lesbi-

an scenes count double? First, however, let us consider Malcolm Gluck, a man whose time has surely passed but who instead finds himself with his own television series, the serially onomatopoeic and seriously annoying

day). You might think that a man who founded a second career (his first was in advertising. I believe) on the word "plonk" might have had the decency to move on to a third career based on something a little more contemporary by now. But no, Gluck is still here, blithely ignoring the fact that - for all the right reasons - the bottom end of the wine market has become rather dull. A revolution in winemaking and the buying expertise of the supermarkets have raised the quality of wines to a standard

quite acceptable. Quite acceptable, however, as Jilly Goolden will tell you, does not a wine programme make - oh dear me, no. So we're off again, down the familiar path of fortuous links (for one Gluck sat in a bath just so he could describe the tortured descriptions. As a profes-

that most people would describe as

quaff, Gluck scoffs) Gluck ought to be above all that "oakey, limey. hint of under-ripe melony" nonsense but alas - no.

An Australian white wine, he thought, would be "terrific with grilled fish" (now there's a revolutionary thought) or even - yes, yes - with "lightly spiced oriental fish dishes". As for the red from Raimat, it was "great with chicken and mushrooms or ... " wait for it ... "simply sitting sipping on the front step". Cheers, Malcolm, here's to that third career.

n conclusion, let us consider the excuses producers come up with to make us watch more pictures of animals. Some are good, such as the stylish Spirits of the Jaguar (BBC2), which yesterday turned its attention to the Maya, or to be more specific, the animals that live in the Central American forests that surround

Gluck, Gluck (BBC2, Fri- sional debunker twhere others the ruins where the Maya used to live. The result was enjoyable if mildly exasperating, leaving me wanting to know more about the Maya and less about silky anteaters and blind cave-fish.

Compare and contrast this with The Saga of Life (Channel 4. Saturday) the second part of which was the sort of misassembled tosh that would have had your biology teacher apologising for 20 years ago. What Michael Grade was doing showing it at 8 o'clock on a Saturday night, only he knows.

The common link to a programme an endiess hour long was microscopic animals that had been filmed by one Lennart Nilsson. "Lennart Nilsson has allowed us to gaze into an unseen world," enthused the sort of narration that could cause sniggering at the back.

I scratched the "tropical rainforests" of my scalp, flexed the "fertile foothills" of my forearms. and reached for the remote control.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (37538) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (68809) 9.00 Breakfast News Edra (T) (1053170) 9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4943489)

9.45 KILROY (6779538) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK With Ainsley Harriott (37354) 11.00 NEWS (T), regional news and weather (3462422) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (5463335) 11.45 Smillie's Paople

12.00 NEWS (T), regional news and weather

12.05pm QUINCY (3409083) 12.50 The Weather Show (30872880).

1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (61996) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (27123425) 1,40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (29813422) 2.00 Call

Pudding? (847) 3.00 incognito (4606) 3.30 THE BUSY WORLD OF RICHARD SCARRY (1836480) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (2101034) 4.10 Aca Ventura: Pet Detective (1901644) 4.35 Record Breakers (T) (7797557) 5.00 Newsround (8657625)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (1) (1) (481064) 6.00 (T) and weather (248)

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (828) 7.00 TELLY ADDICTS Noel Edmonds presents the second semi-final of the television trivia quiz (1) (9915)

7.30 TOMORROW'S WORLD includes a look at what is claimed to be the world's safest car, which the manufacturers say is impossible to crash (T) (712)

8.00 EASTENDERS Phil and Grant learn some disturbing facts about George. Peggy has another hospital appointment 8.30 CHEF! Comedy drams starting Lenny

Henry. With his divorce looming, Gareth is prone to severe mood swings as he mingles with the diners (T) (7170). 9.00 NEWS (T) and weather (7809)

John Ware investigates ellegations that the prices of hi-fis, televisions and fridges are being kept artificially high (1)

(723847)

10.10 BILLY CONNOLLY'S WORLD TOUR
OF AUSTRALIA As the Scottish
comedian's tour nears its end, Billy
arrives in the Outback, where he visits an opal-mining town and sees underground homes equipped with bars and swimming pools (T) (977731) 10.50 COMMON AS MUCK Cornedy series

about a gang of dustmen (f) (T) (750151) WALES: The State 11.20 Film 96 11.50 Common as Muck 12.45 Smitle's People

11.50 FILM 96 WITH BARRY NORMAN Reviews of 101 Dalmatians with Glenn Close as Cruella DeVII, Star Trek — First Contact and I Shot Andy Warhol, which charts Valerie Solanas' attempt to kill the 1960s artist and film-maker. Plus, Sylvester Stallione talks about his latest action movie, Daylight (1) (738809)

12.20am SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (2345297) 1.05 WEATHER (9667671)

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b(w) Cornedy starting Myrna Loy and Metyn Douglas. Directed by Robert Z Leonard (60011170) 2.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER (3160644) 3.00 News (7209422) 3.05 The Natural World (2543460) 3.55 News (6019828) 4.00 Today's the Day (441) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (625) 5.00 Esther (7793) 5.30 Going, Going, Gone (977)

1,15 FILM: Third Finger Left Hand (1940,

6.00 SPACE PRECINCY (f) (T) (849441) 6.45 AS SEEN ON TV (459286)

1914-18: Muttiny By 1917 the strain of war was beginning to show on both the battle and home fronts (b/w) (316593)

7.50 HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN WRONGS The tasks undertaken by children, who are currently fighting in conflicts in thirty-lwa countries around the world (592511) 8.00 FIQRIZON: Molecules with

Sunglasses Charting the work of a British chemist and his colleagues who wan the Nobel Prize for their research which resulted in a third form of carbon being identified (1) (715:51)

8.50 GARDENERS' WORLD TAKE TWO Highlights from recent programmes (T) (879731)



Louise Alkins as Glenn (9,00pm)

WICKED WOMEN: KING GIRL Gripping drams about an all-gat gang who virtually destroy the life of a naive girl who is grieving for her dead father. With Louise Atkins and Cathy Purcell (2150731)

10.15 MATCH OF THE DAY The FA Cup third round draw, live (288847) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (555793)

11.15 A ROOM WITH TWO VIEWS: Assisted Conception (627793) 11.45 HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN WRONGS

12,00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (41652) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (41652)

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Women Artists (27584) 1.00 Managing In Organisations (51710) 2.00 Living Islam/Faith to Faith (98861) 4.00 Italia 2000 (99403) 4.30 Defeating Disease (89497) 5.00 Pathways to Care (57300) 5.30 RCN Nursing Update (42381)

CHOICE

1914-18: Mutiny BBC2, 7.00pm

The history of the First World War moves on to 1917 and contains two arresting moments.
One is where a Russian historian asserts that the war was the main cause of the revolutions which brought Lenin to power. In one sentence he rejects the conventional wisdom that the events of 1917 had their roots far back in Russian history. More startling. particularly as it is being shown publicly for the first time, is footage of the effects of shell shock on British and French soldiers. No verbal description, not even in Pat Barker's fine Regeneration trilogy, can match the sight of one man twitching uncontrollably or another diving under a bed at the word "bomb". No wonder there were mutinies in the Russian and French armies and no wonder that Siegfried Sassoon wrote his famous letter to The Times denouncing the war as evil and unjust

Survival: Mountains of the Snow Leopard ITV, 8.00pm

The collapse of communism has opened up areas long barred to Western camera crews. Joel Bennett's two-part documentary was shot in Mongolia and is concerned with the snot in Mongona and is concerned with the wildlife of a country three times the size of France but with only two million people. The star is the rare and elusive snow leopard, seldom seen even by Mongolians and a particular challenge for a visiting filmmaker. But Bennett is nothing if not persistent and after a month of trekking and its persistent and after a month of trekking and its persistent and after a month of trekking and bersistent and aller a notifier to texting and tracking he finally gets his footage. But if the big cat is a coup for Bennett, the locals are less entirusiastic about a predator which can attack and kill their domestic animals. Conservationists have a hard battle in the only country which allows the commercial hunting of snow leopards.

Wicked Women: King Girl BBC2, 9.00om

Philomena McDonagh's bleak drama about a school bully was inspired by the Jamie Bulger case. McDonagh does not believe that the boys who killed Jamie were evil. The same applies to the fictional Glenn, a teenager played with horrifying conviction by a lo-year-old newcomer. Louise Alkins. Glenn's target is a classmate, Gail (another fine debut performance, by Cathy Purcell), who is not only naturally timid but is distraught over the recent death of her father. Glenn and her gang exploit Gail's grief to tease and humiliate her and then move on to physical assault. So what is Gienn's excuse? Plenty, according to McDonagh: absent father, mother on the game, a wretched, intolerable home life. So Glenn is a victim, not a monster, and we should not rush to condemn. It still seems tough on the bereaved and blameless Gail. Secret Lives: Douglas Bader

Channel 4, 9.00pm

The hearty, courageous Battle of Britain hero portrayed by Kenneth More in Reach For the Sky was certainly part of the real Douglas Bader. But it is the business of Secret Lives to chip away at legends and this it this does. The result housest is it duly does. The result, however, is a modification of the Kenneth More image, not modification of the Kenneth More image, not a total debunk. Bader's loveless childhood is suggested as the reason for his later swagger and arrogance. Nobody denies that the crash which lost him both his legs was entirely caused by his own recklessness. His second wife admits that people either loved him or loathed him and there is no shortage of former RAF colleagues ready to criticise his bluster, selfishness and insensitivity. But there is plenty of admiration as well, for his inspirational leadership and fearless refusal to accept disability.

Peter Waymark

6.00em GMTV (7092557) 8.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (T) (4911830)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (T) (2590538) 10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (49286; 10.30 THIS MORNING (60839977) 12.20om REGIONAL NEWS (3228963)

12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (9818000) 12.55 CORONATION STREET (I) (T) (9657151) 2.00 Home and Autry (T) (51866016) 2.25 Cross Wits (T) (58618593) 2.55 Look and Cook

3.20 NEWS (T) (7216712)

3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (T) (7215083) 3.30 TOTS TV (7056985) 3.40 The Slow Norris Witches and Giants Special (3455921) 4.05 Sooty and Co (1915847) 4.25 All New Animaniacs (1991267) 4.50 How 2

5.10 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (7472625) 5,40 NEWS (T) and weather (930915) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (1) (487809) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (638422)

7.00 THE LIST (4083) 7.30 CORONATION STREET Tricks is called to see Mike at the factory (T) (880)



The rare snow leopard (8,00pm)

SURVIVAL: Mountains of the Snow Leopard — The Quest (1/2) (T) (3731) 8.30 POLICE, CAMERA, ACTIONI Alastair Stewart on a saries of live assignments with helicopter news journalist Bob Tur

(2/2) (T) (9538) 9.00 MOLL FLANDERS in the final episode Moli turns to thieving when she finds herself penniless in London, but is soon caught and sentenced to hang in Newgate Prison (T) (5809)

10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (47731) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (T) (763335)

10.40 FiLM: And the Sea Will Tell (1991) With Richard Crenna and Rachel Ward. Based on a true story. A men and a woman are charged with murder six years after a married couple disappeared from their yacht in the Pacific, Directed by Tommy

1.00mm BUSHELL ON THE BOX (63958) 1.30 FILM: WITHOUT A TRACE (1983) starring Kete Nelligan, Judd Hirsch and David Dukes. A mother whose husband has left her returns homes to find her young son missing. She faces months of uncertainty before she knows if he is alive or dead. Directed by Stanley R Jaffe (82105768)

3.40 JONES AND JURY (69017687) 4.05 COACH (r) (26841584) 4,30 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (76923)

5.00 AN INVITATION TO REMEMBER (r) 5.30 NEWS (46107)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (9893793) 1.25 CROSS WITS (30444354)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (29827625) 2.20 BLUE HEELERS (9548880) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7472625) 6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (638422)

7.00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (4083) 10.40 CRIME STALKER (755606) 11.40 MAX MONROE: LOOSE CANNON

12.35am BEYOND REALITY (8372590) 1.00 FOOTBALL LEAGUE (7828316) 1.45 CUSTOMS CLASSIFIED (8790652) 2,30 JONES AND JURY (4995381) 2.55 Film: CHILDREN OF CHANCE (4076478)

4.35 JOBFINDER (1774923)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 1.25-1.55 CROSSWITS (30444354) 1.55 HOME AND AWAY (21450606)

FRANCES BISSELL'S WESTCOUNTRY (58616593) 2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (8839642) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7472625)

6.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (59064) 7.00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (4083) 10.40 IN SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

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THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL BIG MATCH

(307373) 12.20am TRANS WORLD SPORT (4811519) 1.20 WOMEN AT PLAY (5747958) 1.45 LUMBERJACKS OK! (69652)

CHANNEL 4

6.30am TAKE FIVE (s) (23248) 7.00THE BIG BREAKFAST (84847)

9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (24880) 9.30 FILM: Treasure Island (1934, b/w) An MGM version of a Robert Louis Stevenson's classic, with Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper Directed by Victor Fleming (T) (55719083)

11.25 UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS Animation (9381335) 11.30 Australia Wild (r) (1) (4712) 12.00 Right To Reply (r) (1) (44544) 12.30pm Lift Off (r) (72915) 1.00 Sesame Street (60170) 2.00 Quality

Control Cornecty short (64309460) 2.15 FiLM: Take Me Out to the Ball Game (1949, bAv) A musical starring Gene Kelty and Frank Sinatra as vaudevillians who spend their summers as professional baseball players. Directed by Busby

Berkeley (T) (414606) 4.00 FIFTEEN TO ONE (1) (809) 4,30 COUNTDOWN: The Search for the

Supreme Champion (1) (793) 5.00 THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW (T)

5.45 POND LIFE (T) (204002) **6.00 MOVIEWATCH** Four young reviewers from Manchester offer their opinions on

6.30 HOLLYOAKS (T) (538) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (763977)

7.55 THE SLOT (847688) 8.00 DESPERATELY SEEKING SOMETHING Pete McCarthy is in Ireland where he is initiated into the Fellowship of

8.30 THE REAL HOLIDAY SHOW Gaby Roelin introduces reports made by holidaymakers from Cowes, Magaluf and



Pilot Dougles Bader (9.00pm)

9.00 SECRET LIVES: DOUGLAS
BADER A frank portrait of the Second World War air ace (T) (6151) 10.00 HOMICIDE: LIFE ON THE STREET Bayliss suspects there is a connection between a child's murder and the first juvenile murder case he worked on which

11.00 THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL BIG MATCH Gridinan action introduced by Gary Imlach (307373)

12.20am TRANS WORLD SPORT (4811519) 1.20 BLOOD, SWEAT AND GLORY A history of sport, lonight featuring the stars of track and lield athletics (r) (5858010)

 50 FILM: Maytime (1937, b/w) A musical starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard and William Von Wymetal (92265519) 4.15 FILM: Land Without Music (1936, b/w). Vintage British musical starring Richard Tauber, directed by Walter Forde (5349519). Ends at 5.35

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY MOVIES SKY MOVIES

5.00am Charnel (1969) (62396) 8.00 kd Galahad (1962) (82915) 10.00 Torch (1963) (52936) 12.00 Trail of Teers (1965) (3003987) 1.55pm Liftle Buddha (1963) (2103712) 4.00 Caught in the Creative (1994) (6506) 6.00 The Nutcractur (1993) (6505) 7.73 E Festames (1925) 8.00 Berrelona (1994) (56915) 10.00 Terminal Velocity (1994) (197575) 11.45 Emotion (1994) (815770) 1.25em Police Rescus (1999) (6702364) 2.55 Impped and Decalved (1994) (199887) 4.25 Torch Song (1993) (65389045)

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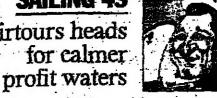
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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

BCCI victims to receive first payment

SOME 30,000 creditors of the failed Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), which collapsed in 1991 with debts of \$10 billion, are set to receive their first, long-awaited "dividend" payments this week.

The BCCI payments, which will be sent by cheque and electronic transfer to 130 countries will be sent by compared to 130 countries.

tries, will be the equivalent of 24'2 p in the pound. Deloitte & Touche, the UK liquidator to the failed bank, said this weekend that it hopes to make a second payment within the

It is understood that the second payout could be in the order of 10 per cent, although this will depend on the outcome of some of the hundreds of outstanding court actions being taken to recover further

The bulk of the first BCC1 dividend comes from the \$1.55 billion paid to the liquidators by the Government of Abu

ANALYSTS are looking for a partial recovery in share

prices this morning, hoping that Friday's last-minute up-

turn on Wall Street, after the

close of play in London, will

world's financial markets.

However, dealers are braced for another jittery week everywhere. In Lon-don doubts over the timing

of the next rise in interest

rates coincide with fears of

Japan's Nikkei index.

which led the global share plunge on Friday, was the

only major index not to

show modest recovery by the

further political shocks.

Dhabi, the bank's principal shareholder. The kingdom's Government is set to pay a further \$150 million in April 1998, with a final payment of

\$100 million shortly after. In addition to this money the liquidators have recovered a further \$503 million, chiefly from the United States.

Those in charge of the payouts to creditors are hoping that legal actions, including those against the Bank of England, BCCI's regulator in the UK, and Ernst & Young and Price Waterhouse, the bank's auditors, could further swell the dividend pot. Other parties that had interests in BCCI could still face fresh

The payments to BCCI creditors have been delayed after a series of legal challenges, chiefly in the Luxembourg courts, but also to a lesser extent in the United Kingdom. Deloitte & Touche and Lov-

close of trading on Friday. A survey by Merrill Lynch, the stockbroker, shows that the

crash came just two days

after Japanese fund manag-

ers became net sellers of

the first time in 18 months.

That report suggests that Thursday's speech by Alan

the US Federal Reserve

Board, mirrored concerns in

Tokyo's investment houses.

Their concern, the survey

said, was not shared by

British fund managers, who

were last week seeking to

increase their exposure to

Japanese stocks.

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Analysts look for

bounce in shares

bank's lawyers, earned fees of \$285.6 million up to January

There are some 250,000 BCCI creditors worldwide. 38,000 of whom are based in the UK, not all of whom will be included in the first cheque

The Deposit Protection Scheme, administered by the Bank of England, has paid out 678 million in compensation to 16,000 depositors. The Bank initially identified 53,000 sterling accounts, but only 40,000 of these left contact addresses, and in the end only 16,000 claimed their compensation.

The BCCI collapse triggered nvestigations in the UK by the Bank and the Serious Fraud Office. The SFO inquiry, the largest undertaken by the fraud office to date, has so far resulted in the conviction of four people, including that of Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, head of the bank's overseas

He was extradited from France and sentenced to six years in prison in September 1993 after pleading guilty to 16 specimen charges of false accounting totalling \$740 mil-lion between 1932 and 1986. This autumn the former BCCI executive was released from prison in Britain after further charges against him were dropped.

SFO began its current prose-cution against Abbas Gokal, chairman of the Gulf Group, over allegations of fraud and false accounting. One charge mentions \$1.2 billion, the largest singlê sum ever used in ar indictment against an individual.

John Moscow, deputy chief of investigations in New York who looked into the BCCI collapse, described to a London conference of fellow fraudbusters and leading international bankers last week the quality of BCCI's paperwork and how he found one note for a \$100 million loan with a scribbled message "as per your request". He said: "It was a joy to behold, No details, no names, nothing. Nice, sweet and fraudulent."



On another Planet: Tiger Woods is set to drive into the star-studded theme restaurant chain by taking a share stake

Planet teeing up Tiger Woods

PLANET Hollywood, the star-studded theme restaurant chain run by Robert Earl, is set to announce a further coup with the signing of Tiger Woods, the 20-year-old golf-

ing prodigy.

Woods, tipped to emerge as the world's greatest ever golf-er, is expected to take a stake in Planet Hollywood, joining the likes of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone and Bruce Willis, His involvefort by the chain in recent months to quash rumours own around 17 per cent of the company, might be preparing to sell up. The speculation, which Mr Earl said had "absolutely no substance whatsoever", came after the end of a lock-in period in which the stars were unable to

trade their shares. Celebrity support has beena key factor in the success of the company, which floated earlier this year and is now capitalised at around \$2.5 billion. The rumours sent its shares down to \$18 from a high of \$32, a fall that was fuelled when a number of long-term warrant holders sold out. The share price has since recovered to \$24.

on the US Nasdag Exchange

A number of sporting celebrities, including tennis stars Andre Agassi and Monica Seles, are already affiliated to the Official All-Star Café,

Planet Hollywood's sports themed restaurants in New York and Mexico. In January the company is expected to announce plans to open an All-Star Café in London.

The publicity campaign continued apace last week when the three film stars were on hand in Las Vegas to publicise the Planet Hollywood Casino, a joint venture with ITT Corporation, the hotel chain, which is due to open in early 1999.

Facia's debtors face 10p in pound

BY JASON NISSE

UNSECURED creditors of Facia, Stephen Hinchliffe's collapsed retailing group now being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office, are to be told tomorrow to expect a return of about 10p in the pound on their debts.

KMPO, the group's re-ceiver, has raised around £20 million from selling parts of the business, which included the high street brand names Sock Shop, Red or Dead and Oakland. About £8.5 million of this will go to bankers, led by United Mizrahi. A further £5 million is due to go to preferential creditors, such as former employees and the Inland Revenue.

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The remainder, which would be as high as £6.6 million, will be distributed among unsecured creditors owed a total of £50 million. The largest of these is Sears, the retail giant, which claims to be owed £30 million.

A meeting has been called in Leeds at which the group, which went into receivership in May, is expected to be placed in liquidation. The question of who will act as liquida-

Brendan Gilfoyle, of Jeffrey Martin & Co, the Leeds firm, has been asked by Mr Hinchliffe and Christopher Harrison, his

However BDO Stoy Hayward is also expected to offer itself as liquidator. It is being backed by Sears vote because Sears is by far

have their chance to o tion Mr Hinchliffe and Mr Harrison about their stewardship of the company. In addition to the SFO inquiry, it is believed that KPMG has sent a report to the Department of Trade and Industry recommending that the two directors face disqualifaction over their running of Facia.

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The two already face similar proceedings after the demise of Boxgrey, an artificial sports pitch maker, which collapsed in 1993.

TIMES No 960

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British Gas plays down sell-off talk

British Gas is playing down specula-tion that Centrica, its newly created supply business, is negotiating to sell the Morecambe Bay gasfield, one of the company's most valuable assets. However, a spokeswoman last night said that the possibility of a sell-off had been raised when the demerger of Gas into two companies, supply and the TransCo pipeline network, was confirmed last week.

Moorfield pulls out

Moorfield Estates, the property company, is walking away from takeover talks with Greycoat Estates, the rival property business in conflict with a group of rebel investors, after finding itself unable to pursue "constructive discussions".

Costain silent

SOME real ale buffs, as

publicans know to their cost.

can take as much as two hours

to down a single, savoured

pint. Now the brewers are hitting back, working on a

new technique to mature beer

This has the potential to halve the industry's produc-

tion costs. But beer campaigners say that the new technique

is likely to result in a further

loss in quality as brewers

move away from traditional

Traditional techniques to

brew lager take between two

over the same timescale.

Costain, the construction group, has refused to comment on speculation that the sale of its US coal business is to be announced this week. The business was due to be sold to Lonrho but the deal fell through last July.

EMU could threaten jobs, says CBI chief

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

was likely to result in a drink that is pale and bland, lacking

the normal depth of taste of traditionally brewed lagers.

Andy Hyde, general man-ager at Alia Laval Brewery

Systems in the UK, says that

the beer's chemical composi-

tion and flavour are unaffect-

ed by the new technique,

although he admits that the

drink will not be aimed at the

real ale brewing sector but at

the broader European brew-

EUROPEAN economic and monetary union could lead to rising unemployment if labour markets become less flexible, the Confederation of British Industry says.

The warning by the CBI — which is still reserving its view on whether full economic and monetary union (EMU) will be valuable to Britain — touches on the fears of many opponents of EMU, who are concerned that if the UK joins, widespread job

losses will result. Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, says that if exchange rate flexibility is surrendered under EMU, then the maintenance of another flexibility - labour market flexibility - is vital. He says that for EMU to work, it is essential that wages in different regions are set by the productivity and competitive circumstances of companies in them, or that labour moves from

regions of low to high employment.
Writing in the latest issue of CBI News, Mr Turner says: "If real wages are either wrong to start with, because a country enters EMU at too high a rate, or because there are subsequent wage rises unrelated to local competitiveness, then EMU can

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and four weeks. After the

lager has undergone primary

fermentation, it is normally matured in a secondary stage, during which the yeast in the

beer continues to act on the

sugars to produce the distinc-

But Alfa Laval the Belgia beer company, has unveiled a

new process which cuts out the

need for secondary fermenta-

tion. The company uses a specially designed glass reac-tor which increases the surface

area of the yeast when it is

contact with the liquid, thus

speeding up fermentation.

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lead to rising unemployment in specific regions."
Such rising unemployment, the CBI

leader suggests, could then lead to pres-sures for "significant fiscal transfers" to the countries concerned. He says that if the Maastricht conver-gence criteria are applied absolutely and if

the flexibility of European labour markets continues to increase, EMU becomes more attractive, but if the criteria are "badly fudged" or labour markets become less flexible, "there could be problems ahead". Insisting that the pro-EMU and anti-EMU arguments remain complex and balanced, Mr Turner supports both the retention of Britain's EMU opt-out, and

keeping the UK's options open.

There is still widespread fear and confusion among small businesses about effects of a single European currency, Lloyds Bank says today. John Spence, managing director of business banking at Lloyds TSB, said: "It is clear that many small firms do not fully understand the practical implications of a single currency to their business whether the UK joins or not."

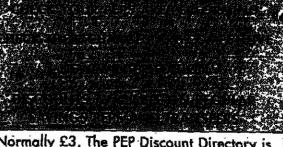
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